



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.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 24 JUNE 2015**COUNCILLORS****PRESENT**

Patricia Ekechi (Mayor), Bernadette Lappage (Deputy Mayor), Abdul Abdullahi, Daniel Anderson, Dinah Barry, Chris Bond, Yasemin Brett, Alev Cazimoglu, Nesil Cazimoglu (Jubilee), Erin Celebi, Lee Chamberlain, Bambos Charalambous, Jason Charalambous, Katherine Chibah, Lee David-Sanders, Nick Dines, Guney Dogan, Sarah Doyle, Nesimi Erbil, Turgut Esendagli, Peter Fallart, Krystle Fonyonga, Achilleas Georgiou, Christine Hamilton, Ahmet Hasan, Elaine Hayward, Robert Hayward, Ertan Hurer, Suna Hurman, Jansev Jemal, Doris Jagge, Eric Jukes, Nneka Keazor, Adeline Kepez, Joanne Laban, Michael Lavender, Dino Lemonides, Derek Levy, Mary Maguire, Donald McGowan, Andy Milne, Terence Neville OBE JP, Ayfer Orhan, Ahmet Oykenner, Anne-Marie Pearce, Vicki Pite, Michael Rye OBE, George Savva MBE, Toby Simon, Alan Sitkin, Edward Smith, Andrew Stafford, Claire Stewart, Jim Steven, Doug Taylor, Ozzie Uzoanya and Glynis Vince

ABSENT

Ali Bakir, Dogan Delman, Christiana During, Alessandro Georgiou, Daniel Pearce and Haydar Ulus

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

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

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

Father Emmanuel from St Edmunds Church gave the blessing.

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

The Mayor made the following announcements:

(a) Death of former Councillors

The Mayor began her announcements with the sad news that two former councillors had recently passed away. Mark Fenton who represented the former Craig Park ward from May 1982 and served continuously until May 2002, and Annette Dreblow who had represented Chase Ward between 2004 and May 2010.

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In addition Members were advised that the actor Ron Moody (who had a strong local connection with Enfield), had also recently passed away.

Members were requested to join the Mayor in standing to observe a moments silence in memory of Mark, Annette and Ron.

(b) The Queens Award for Voluntary Service

The Mayor provided a brief history of this unique UK national honour, which had been created by her Majesty to mark the Golden Jubilee in 2002 and to recognise the outstanding contributions made to local communities by groups of volunteers. The award had the equivalent status for voluntary groups as the MBE had for individuals and set a national benchmark for excellence in volunteering. Winners were announced each year on the 2nd June, to coincide with the anniversary of the Queen's Coronation.

This year 187 charities, social enterprises and voluntary groups had received the prestigious award, which the Mayor felt had shown that the voluntary sector was thriving and full of innovative ideas to tackle community challenges. Of the 187 awards, only seven went to groups in Greater London (there were 13 nominations) and of those, two were in Enfield - Edmonton Eagles Amateur Boxing Club and One-to-One Enfield. These groups would now be able to use the award cipher on their documentation and in the next few months a certificate signed by Her Majesty and a crystal trophy were due to be presented by the Deputy Lord Lieutenant. Members joined the Mayor in congratulating both organisations on their wonderful achievement.

(c) Re-enactment of the Magna Carta

The Mayor advised that she had recently attended an event re-enacting the Magna Carta. She had thoroughly enjoyed representing the Borough at the event and congratulated all those who took part.

(d) Other Engagements

The Mayor advised that her first month as Mayor had been very busy, including visiting various schools to present certificates and trophies. She had also met with fellow London Mayors having being introduced to many of them at the London Mayor's event held at Capel Manor.

(d) Mayor's Thanksgiving Service & Reception

Finally the Mayor reminded members of her forthcoming Civic Thanksgiving Service and Reception to be held on the 4th July at 2pm at St Edmunds' Roman Catholic Church, 115 Hertford Road. All Members were welcome to attend.

(e) Member Conduct

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As this was her first business meeting, the Mayor felt it would be helpful to outline the standards of behaviour she would expect both sides of the chamber to observe during her year in office. Whilst doing her best to ensure that Council meetings were chaired fairly and efficiently, it was recognised that there would be disagreement on issues under debate. During these debates the Mayor advised she would still expect Members to show mutual respect towards each other. Whilst she would not wish to take the action empowered to her within the Constitution relating to member conduct, she would have no hesitation in doing so, if necessary.

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MINUTES**

AGREED that the minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on 13 May 2015 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

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APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ali Bakir, Dogan Delman, Christiana During, Alessandro Georgiou, Daniel Pearce and Haydar Ulus.

Apologies for lateness were received from Councillors Guney Dogan, Erin Celebi and Michael Lavender.

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DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

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

- (a) Item 11 (Report No. 11 Part 1 agenda) and Item 2 (Report No.16 Part 2 agenda) - Mobilisation and Operation of Lee Valley Heat Network (LVHN)
- Councillors Oykenner, Sitkin and Taylor declared non-pecuniary interests as council appointed representatives on the Board for Lee Valley Heat Network Ltd.
- (b) Item 17 (Report No. 10 Part 1 agenda) and Item 4 (Report No. 15 Part 2 agenda): Housing Gateway Ltd Annual Report
- Councillors Achilleas Georgiou, Oykenner and Stafford declared non-pecuniary interests as council appointed representatives on the Board for Housing Gateway Ltd.
 - Councillor Laban declared a Disclosable Pecuniary in relation to her employment by an organisation referred to within the report

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

Before moving on to deal with Opposition Business, Councillor Stewart moved and Councillor Taylor seconded a proposal, under paragraph 2.2 (page 4-6) of the Council Procedure Rules, to move the order of items so that the following were dealt with immediately following Opposition Business:

- Motion 19.4: In the name of Councillor Anderson relating to fly-tipping
- Motion 19.1: In the name of Councillor Neville relating to the conduct of a councillor
- Emergency Motion submitted in the name of Councillor Hamilton relating to funding for Primary Care and GP services in Enfield
- Agenda Item 16: Enfield OFSTED Improvement Plan (Report No.5)
- Agenda Item 10: Library Development Strategy 2015-2018 (Report No.7)
- Item 17 (Report No. 10 Part 1 agenda) and Item 4 (Report No. 15 Part 2 agenda): Housing Gateway Ltd Annual Report

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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OPPOSITION BUSINESS - THE CURRENT AESTHETICS IN THE BOROUGH, WHEELED BINS AND BULK WASTE COLLECTION

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

1. Keeping the boroughs streets clean was a statutory responsibility for the Council and was important not only in terms of resident's health and wellbeing but also in terms of the quality of the environment and how the Council was judged as a local authority.
2. The need to recognise the impact of environmental issues on the borough "brand" and how any deterioration in the service, particularly in relation to waste collection and street cleansing would affect perceptions amongst residents, customers and potential investors about the Council's ability to deliver its core service and manage large scale projects and functions.
3. The need to ensure that the boroughs streets were kept clean and free from fly tipping in order to reinforce the fact that Enfield remained a good place to live, work, visit and do business.

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4. Concerns had been identified about the current standard of street cleansing along with levels of fly tipping across the borough, supported by images provided within the Opposition Business paper. Fly tipping rates had been rising year on year since 2012 with the Council also failing to meet its own residual waste target level, according to the most recent Quarterly Performance monitoring report.
5. Whilst it was anticipated that the Majority Group would highlight reductions in Government funding in response to their paper the Opposition Group felt the impact of the following policies introduced by the current Administration also needed to be highlighted:
 - Increase in fees for the bulky waste collection service;
 - Change in operating procedures at the Barrowell Green Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC);
 - Introduction of a charge for providing large wheeled bins
6. In addition the Opposition Group felt that the current arrangements for reporting incidents of fly tipping were over complicated and not customer friendly, with the recently established social media campaign #cleanupenfield given as an example of how the process could be made more customer friendly and streamlined.

As a result of these issues the Opposition Group had identified the following actions, recommended within their Business Paper as a means to achieve the improvements felt necessary to Enfield's street scene:

- (a) make it easier for the public to report fly tipping via social media, website, phone and email;
- (b) take a strategic approach to areas where fly tipping was happening on a recurring basis;
- (c) install cameras where fly tipping was prevalent;
- (d) ensure greater integration between Environment and the Council Housing fly tip crews;
- (e) introduce a fly tipping amnesty day where people could leave bulky waste out for collection free of charge;
- (f) review fees and charges for bulky waste collection to make it more affordable to use the service;
- (g) issue a clear communication message to fly tippers that enforcement action would be taken
- (h) establish a community engagement campaign on the right way to dispose of rubbish.

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Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment, responded on behalf of the Majority Group highlighting:

1. The need to recognise that fly tipping was an issue not only within the borough but also nationally, with a recent review by the Communities and Local Government Select Committee highlighting a national increase of 20% with two thirds of the rubbish being household waste and a resulting increase in costs for local authorities of 24%.
2. Enfield was currently spending £4.3m on services to keep the borough clean and spent the 5th highest amount in terms of efforts to clear fly tipping. In contrast, he highlighted how the Government had stopped funding the Keep Britain Tidy campaign.
3. The investment of £1m by the current Administration in modernising street cleaning services compared to the reduction in overall spending by the Opposition Group when they were in power.
4. The outcome of a recent independent review highlighting a significant improvement in the efforts to keep streets clean since the Administration had come to power in 2010, which it was felt contradicted the accusation that Enfield was a dirty place to live.
5. The Administration were not, however, complacent about the action needed to ensure the boroughs streets remained clean, with the following activities given as example of action either taken or planned:
 - deployment of additional resources for enforcement activities;
 - introduction of a new management contract for the HWRC, increasing the tonnage that could be collected;
 - plans being developed to reopen a HWRC in the east of the borough, following closure of the previous site by the Opposition Group when last in power;
6. The need to recognise the role of private landlords and commercial organisations in also tackling fly tipping on land owned by them. It was pointed out that some of the images included within the Opposition Business paper were actually of privately owned sites.
7. The concerns highlighted in relation to the reporting process for fly tipping were also rejected, with the use of the on-line system seen as the most cost effective and efficient process. In addition the Council was also looking at more innovative solutions including geo tagging as an option.
8. The strategic nature of the approach being taken by the current Administration towards tackling fly tipping and street cleansing, which included a range of communication, education and enforcement activities. Hotspots were already being identified and regularly patrolled with CCTV also used to assist and the integration of Council housing within the Environment Department would also assist in the joining up of

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street cleansing operations. A free collection service was also available for furniture and white goods within the borough.

9. The correlation between the level of charges for bulky waste collection and fly tipping was also rejected, given the national increase in rates identified and fact that the boroughs with some of the highest fly tipping rates offered a free collection service.

It was felt that the actions identified demonstrated the proactive approach being taken by the Council towards tackling fly tipping and ensuring its streets remained clean. The assertion that Enfield was not a clean place to live was rejected, with Enfield having received various awards including one from Clean Britain for its cleansing service.

Other issues raised during the debate were as follows:

- (a) The need highlighted by members of the Opposition Group:

- to ensure that the reporting mechanisms for fly tipping and other waste collection or street cleansing issues were as streamlined, simple and accessible for residents to use as possible.
- To recognise the impact created by the increase in charges for the bulky waste collection service in terms of affordability and an increase in levels of fly tipping. Whilst generating additional income this would be offset by an increase in costs associated with having to tackle rubbish being dumped illegally.
- To recognise what was felt to have been the increase in enforcement powers made available to local authorities to tackle these issues.
- To recognise the benefits of social media as an effective additional reporting mechanism.

- (b) the concern expressed by members of the Opposition Group at:

- what was felt to be the limited value for money achieved as a result of the funding allocated to address these issues by the current Administration; and
- at the fact that it had not been possible for the Cabinet Member to provide a detailed written response to Council Question 49 on the agenda, relating to the number of items for disposal collected by waste services direct from residents homes over the past 5 years.

- (c) the need identified by members of the Majority Group:

- to recognise the commitment and efforts being made to keep Enfield clean and negative impact it was felt the #cleanupenfield

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campaign was having in terms of undermining the boroughs reputation.

- To recognise the current performance levels in relation to waste collection with 84% of fly tip incidents being cleared before they were reported and the remaining 16% being cleared within 4 hours.
- The current difficulty in terms of enforcement powers to tackle commercial fly tipping and fly tipping on private land and need identified for further action to lobby Government for increased powers and a more effective and speedier enforcement process.
- To recognise action already being taken to identify and tackle fly tipping “hotspots” and for further action to lobby Government to reduce the burden of proof in relation to the use of CCTV footage as evidence in relation to prosecutions.
- To recognise that whilst fly tipping was endemic across the country, Enfield already had one of the best records in the country in terms of tackling the issue.
- To understand the way in which social media such as Twitter was currently used and the limited scope and level of resource required to monitor campaigns such as #cleanupenfield in order for them to be effective as a reporting mechanism.

Councillor Neville summed up, on behalf of the Opposition Group, by recognising that whilst fly-tipping was a growing national problem there was a need to focus on addressing the situation in Enfield in the first instance. The Opposition Group felt there was a need for the Administration to review the policies in place in terms of not only the level of fees being charged but also making reporting as easy and accessible as possible. It was felt a more strategic approach was required involving the identification and targeted action to address trends and “hotspots” in terms of where regular fly tipping was occurring. The use of CCTV would help but it was felt consideration also needed to be given to either removing or reducing the fees currently charged for bulky waste collection to make it more affordable and reduce the incentive to dump waste along with the use of amnesty days. Robust enforcement was also required, with a clear message provided that action would be taken, including for the owners of private land. The recommendations put forward within the Opposition business paper had all be designed to reflect these aims and were therefore recommended for approval.

In response, Councillor Taylor (Leader of the Council) felt that all members would agree as a shared objective, in the need to tackle the growing problem of fly tipping both on a local and national level. It was felt, however, that policies developed needed to be on an evidence based approach with the example of the closure of the Carterhatch HWRC having been seen to contribute to increased levels of fly tipping in that area of the borough. The current Administration had therefore pledged to develop plans to open a

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second HWRC site in the east of the borough. The correlation made by the Opposition Group in relation to levels of charges for waste collection and fly tipping was also challenged, with examples provided of authorities offering free collection services with some of the highest fly tipping rates in London. Whilst supportive of the need for a national litter strategy, the approach adopted within Enfield had resulted in the Council being able to demonstrate one of the best records in the country for dealing with the problem and tribute was paid to staff for their hard work in delivery of the service. The outcome of a recent Communities and Local Government Select Committee review was also highlighted, along with comments made by the Keep Britain Tidy Group in terms of the lack of a clear national framework and strategy by the Government for tackling the problem. 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 be taken on the following recommendations within the Opposition Business Paper:

That the Administration:

- (1) make it easier for the public to report fly tipping via social media, website, phone and email;
- (2) take a strategic approach to areas where fly tipping was happening on a recurring basis;
- (3) install cameras where fly tipping was prevalent;
- (4) ensure greater integration between Environment and the Council Housing fly tip crews;
- (5) introduce a fly tipping amnesty day where people can leave bulky waste out for collection free of charge;
- (6) review fees and charges for bulky waste collection to make it more affordable to use the service;
- (7) issue a clear communication message to fly tippers that enforcement action will be taken
- (8) establish a community engagement campaign on the right way to dispose of rubbish.

The above recommendations were put to the vote and not approved, with the result as follows:

For: 19

Against: 34

Abstentions: 0

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MOTIONS

1.1 Following on from consideration of Opposition Business, Councillor Anderson moved and Councillor Chibah seconded the following motion:

“Fly tipping is endemic across the country costing taxpayers up to £850m each year. Earlier this year, the Communities and Local Government Select Committee accused Westminster of a “lack of vigour, if not complacency” on tackling this growing problem.

Though Enfield Council has one of the best records in the country in tackling this scourge, we recognise that more needs to be done. This Council, therefore, calls on the Government to heed the conclusions of the Select Committee report by creating a National Litter Strategy for England with a clear framework for action, underpinned with a coordinating role for local councils.

In addition we ask the Government:

- (1) to re-invest the millions from landfill tax receipts into tackling commercial fly-tipping;
- (2) to introduce a £1,000 fixed penalty notice for fly-tipping offences and make it easier for local authorities to enforce it; and
- (3) to address the outdated, slow and resource intensive process for dealing with waste on private land with a 7 day enforcement process along with higher fines for land owners who fail to comply.”

Having been moved and seconded, Councillor Laban then moved and Councillor Neville seconded the following amendment to the motion:

- To delete the second sentence in the first paragraph and replace the second paragraph with the following:

“We recognise that more needs to be done. Therefore Enfield Council agrees to send a joint letter from the Cabinet Member for Environment and Shadow Cabinet Member for Environment to the Rt Hon. Elizabeth Truss M.P., Secretary of State for Environment and ask for the creation of a National Litter Strategy to aid in combating the problem of fly tipping.”

In response to the amendment, Councillor Anderson advised that the Majority Group would have no objection to the proposal for a joint letter but would not be willing to accept deletion of reference to the outcome of the review undertaken by the Communities and Local Government Select Committee.

Prior to any further debate, John Austin (Assistant Director Governance Projects) advised that if it was not possible to agree a way forward on the

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amendment then its consideration would to be subject to the usual rules of debate under the Council Procedure Rules.

In order to clarify matters Councillor Laban advised that the Opposition Group would be willing to proceed on the basis of their amendment now requiring the following changes to the original motion:

- Reference to “Westminster” in the second sentence of the first paragraph being amended to “the former coalition government”; and
- To the letter for which approval was being sought in the second paragraph to be a joint letter from the Cabinet Member for Environment and Shadow Cabinet Member for Environment to the Rt Hon. Elizabeth Truss M.P., Secretary of State for Environment and ask for the creation of a National Litter Strategy to aid in combating the problem of fly tipping.

Councillor Anderson advised that the Majority Group would be willing to support these subsequent changes which as a result were agreed, without a vote.

The substantive motion (as amended and set out below) was then agreed unanimously, without any further debate:

“Fly tipping is endemic across the country costing taxpayers up to £850m each year. Earlier this year, the Communities and Local Government Select Committee accused the former coalition government of a “lack of vigor, if not complacency” on tackling this growing problem.

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1.2 Councillor Neville moved and Councillor Steven seconded the following motion:

“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.”

In responding to the motion, Councillor Stewart referred to advice received from the Labour Party setting out the internal process being followed to investigate the matter. Pending the outcome of that process, the councillor had been administratively suspended by the local Labour Group but would still be able to undertake duties as a local ward councillor. In order to avoid predetermining the outcome of the internal Labour Party investigation members of the local Labour Group had been advised to make no further statement and to abstain from any vote on the issue.

As a result of the above statement, the motion was put to the vote without any further debate and was 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: 19

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

Against: 0

Abstentions: 34

Councillor Abdul Abdullahi
Councillor Daniel Anderson
Councillor Dinah Barry
Councillor Chris Bond
Councillor Yasemin Brett
Councillor Alev Cazimoglu
Councillor Nesil Cazimoglu
Councillor Bambos Charalambous
Councillor Katherine Chibah
Councillor Gurney Dogan
Councillor Sarah Doyle
Councillor Turgut Esengali
Councillor Krystal Fonyonga
Councillor Achilleas Georgiou
Councillor Christine Hamilton
Councillor Ahmet Hassan
Councillor Suna Hurman
Councillor Jansev Jemal
Councillor Doris Jiage
Councillor Nneka Keazor
Councillor Bernadette Lappage
Councillor Dino Lemonides
Councillor Derek Levy
Councillor Mary Maguire
Councillor Don McGowan
Councillor Ayfer Orhan
Councillor Ahmet Oykenner
Councillor Vicki Pite
Councillor George Savva
Councillor Alan Sitkin
Councillor Andrew Stafford
Councillor Claire Stewart
Councillor Doug Taylor
Councillor Ozzie Uzoanya

Councillor Erbil withdrew from the meeting during consideration of this item.

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EMERGENCY MOTION

The Mayor advised that she had agreed (in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10.6) 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 Hamilton moved and Councillor Alev Cazimoglu seconded the following motion:

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“Enfield Council believes that general practice is the solution to many of the current problems facing the NHS but general practice cannot achieve its full potential while being seriously damaged by:

- the continuing disinvestment in general practice;
- the lack of premises investment;
- the rapid reduction in the number of GPs due to government policies;

We know that going forward between now and 2020, Enfield will have a real shortage of GPs and primary care provision. **The need in Enfield is more urgent given the closure of Chase Farm Hospital A&E.**

On 19 June 2015 the Secretary of State for Health announced that 5,000 doctors were needed to fix the health crisis.

Both in terms of the number of GPs and practice surgery facilities the Government has made a commitment for 7 day NHS service. The same commitment made in 2010!

The number of GPs in Enfield is expected to have to rise by 84 from its current levels of 167 over the next five years—an increase of some 50%, and that just to get adequate cover by 2020. According to the Royal College of General Practitioners, that leaves Enfield the 17th worst hit Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) out of 212 across the country.

Enfield Council is committed to doing all that we can to lobby government and work with the CCG to make adequate funding available **as a matter of urgency** to address the Primary Care service in Enfield in order to meet the health care needs for Enfield Residents.

The Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care is requested to create a campaign strategy and lobby approach to Government so that Enfield Council, with partners, are best placed as early as possible to pressurise the Government for extra resources for Enfield residents”

In opening the debate on the motion, Councillor Neville moved and Councillor Rye seconded the following amendment:

- (a) To end the first paragraph after “NHS” and delete the following wording “but general practice cannot achieve its full potential while being seriously damaged by:
 - the continuing disinvestment in general practice;
 - the lack of premises investment;
 - the rapid reduction in the number of GPs due to government policies;”
- (b) To amend the final paragraph as follows (changes highlighted in bold) in order to ensure a joint approach towards the development and delivery of any lobbying campaign:

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“The Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care **and Shadow Cabinet Member** ~~is~~**are** requested to **write a joint letter to the Secretary of State and** create a campaign strategy and lobby approach to Government so that Enfield Council, with partners are best placed as early as possible to pressurise the Government for extra resources for Enfield residents.”

Following a short debate, the amendment was put to the vote and lost with the following result:

For: 18
Against: 34
Abstentions: 0

Consideration of the substantive (unamended) motion then continued and following a further period of debate the motion was put to the vote and agreed, with the following result:

For: 34
Against: 16
Abstentions: 1

36
ENFIELD OFSTED IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Councillor Orhan moved and Councillor Uzoanya seconded the report from the Director of Schools and Children’s Services (No.5) presenting the outcome of an OFSTED inspection of services within Enfield for children in need of help and protection, children looked after and care leavers along with the effectiveness of the Local Safeguarding Children Board undertaken in January/February 2015. The report also highlighted the key actions identified within the OFSTED Improvement Plan as an outcome of the inspection.

NOTED

1. Cabinet (17th June 2015) had agreed the recommendations in the report along with its referral onto Council for noting and information.
2. The background to the inspection process undertaken, as detailed in section 3 of the report.
3. The Inspectors had found that the Local Authority led effective services which had resulted in an overall judgement that children’s services in Enfield were Good. In addition the Inspectors judged the Enfield Safeguarding Children Board (ESCB) as Good based around the arrangements in place to evaluate the effectiveness of what was done by the Authority and ESCB partners to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

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4. Nationally less than 25% of Authorities had received an overall judgement of Good with Enfield, at the time, being the only London Authority to have achieved the rating.
5. The thanks expressed by members across the Council for the hard work of those staff involved in the delivery of these services given the challenges faced. The Cabinet Member, supported by colleagues across the Council, also took the opportunity, at what was to be his final Council meeting, to recognise and thank Andrew Fraser as Director of Schools & Children's Services for his dedication, knowledge and skill in leading the service.
6. Notwithstanding the judgement received, the inspection had identified 15 recommendations designed to further improve services to vulnerable children and these had formed the basis of the OFSTED Improvement Plan. 11 of these related to children's services and 4 to the effectiveness of the ESCB. Each recommendation had clear actions and lead officers identified as responsible for their delivery with progress to be monitored and overseen by the ESCB, Lead Cabinet Member, Director and Overview & Scrutiny Committee.
7. Whilst also welcoming the outcome of the inspection, the Opposition Group highlighted a need to ensure that focus was maintained on the direct outcomes arising from the actions identified in response to the recommendations within the OFSTED Improvement Plan.
8. The strong political commitment identified by the Cabinet Member towards children's services in Enfield and innovative nature of actions already being delivered or identified in response to the recommendations within the OFSTED Improvement Plan. At the same time Members advised they had recognised the need to avoid complacency and to ensure that ongoing and future challenges (including issues around the calculation of funding support) were addressed, with the example provided of the establishment of the cross party Task Group on Child Sexual Exploitation as one such initiative. The work of the Children in Care Council (KRATOS) was also highlighted as a key area of support.

The recommendations in the report were agreed unanimously, without further debate or a vote.

AGREED, following referral of the report by Cabinet on 17th June 2015, to note:

- (1) The following documents attached to the report:
 - (a) Enfield Improvement Plan;
 - (b) Inspection of services for children in need of help and protection, children looked after and care leavers and Review of the effectiveness of the Local Safeguarding Children Board; and

- (c) Annual Report of the Independent Reviewing Officer – 2014/15.
- (2) The cross part support expressed for the work being undertaken by the Schools and Children's Services Department and the Enfield Safeguarding Board to implement and achieve the actions relating to the 15 recommendations outlined in the Improvement Plan.
- (3) The specific recommendations within the plan to improve the oversight and scrutiny functions of Senior Managers, the Enfield Safeguarding Children Board and elected members.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

Given the time available to complete the business on the agenda and items which both Groups had indicated they still wished to consider, Councillor Stewart moved and Councillor Uzoanya 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 following to be taken as the next items of business:

- Item 23 – Exclusion of the Press & Public.
- Part 2 Agenda Item 1 – Alma Estate Regeneration Programme Update (including Dujardin Mews Project) (Report No.227A)
- Part 2 Agenda Item 2 – Mobilisation and Operation of the Lee Valley Heat Network (Report No.16)

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.

38

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Given that the next two items agreed for consideration had been listed on the Part 2 agenda Council agreed the following resolution, without a vote, to exclude the press and public:

AGREED in accordance with Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the press and public from the meeting for consideration of Items 1 and 2 listed on Part 2 of the agenda on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 (information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act (as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006).

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ALMA ESTATE REGENERATION - PROGRAMME UPDATE (INCLUDING DUJARDIN MEWS PROJECT)

Councillor Oykenor moved and Councillor Stafford seconded the report of the Director of Regeneration and Environment and Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Services (No.227) providing an update on the Alma Estate, including Dujardin Mews, regeneration scheme.

NOTED

1. The report had been submitted for consideration in conjunction with Report 225A on the Part 1 Agenda. (Min.44 refers) following its approval by Cabinet on 29th April 2015.
2. The progress made in relation to delivery of both the Alma and Dujardin Mews schemes, as detailed within the Part 1 and Part 2 reports. This had included the Council entering into a Development Agreement for the scheme to redevelop the Alma Estate and into a construction contract with a building contractor for Dujardin Mews.
3. The size and complexity of the regeneration schemes, which were now being treated as two separate projects, with Cabinet having agreed a number of changes (subject to approval of the necessary funding by Council) designed to bring forward both developments and delivery of associated Council housing. Key changes requiring additional financial approval had included:
 - a. the need to increase funding to the developer in relation to the Alma Estate scheme as a result of changes in the phasing, numbers and sizes of housing now being delivered in earlier phases of the scheme and to cover an increase in build costs;
 - b. an increase in the costs associated with the need to obtain vacant possession of properties on the Alma Estate due to an increase in property prices since the scheme had originally been approved;
 - c. an increase in project and staffing costs to reflect the increase in size and complexity of the scheme and the inclusion of additional facilities such as Welcome Point within the scheme.
4. Whilst supportive of both schemes, concerns were raised by the Opposition Group in relation to the overall % increase in costs and what they felt to be the limited detail within the report to justify the reasons for these. It was felt these issues supported more general concerns expressed about the oversight and project management arrangements for major schemes of this type and need to ensure that the Housing Board was fully engaged in this process.

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5. In response to the concerns highlighted in 4. above members attention was drawn to the fact that the additional costs identified were partly due to be offset through additional capital receipts with the schemes combined currently projecting an improved financial position and the HRA Business Plan remaining affordable. The wider oversight issue raised in relation to the role of the Housing Board had, however, been recognised by the Cabinet Member for Housing & Housing Regeneration with consideration already being given as to how the role of the Board could be developed in this respect.

The recommendations in the report were then put to the vote and agreed as follows:

AGREED

- (1) To note progress being made in obtaining vacant possession on the Alma Estate and approve (as recommended by Cabinet) an increase in the budget to the total amount detailed within para 6.1.1 of the report from the HRA to obtain vacant possession of the homes.
- (2) To note the increase agreed by Cabinet in number of Council homes included in Phase 1 of the proposed redevelopment of the Alma Estate from 80 to approximately 98, subject to planning, along with the cash flow effect of implementing the change on the HRA Business Plan, as detailed in para 6.1.2 of the report.
- (3) To note (as agreed by Cabinet) the cost of constructing the retail element to be included in Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the proposed redevelopment of the Alma Estate, as detailed within para 6.1.3 of the report.
- (4) To note the decision by Cabinet to bring forward the development of Phase 1 of the proposed redevelopment of the Alma Estate and authorise an undertaking for the amount detailed at para 6.1.4 of the report, to Countryside to underwrite the costs of demolition.
- (5) To approve, as recommended by Cabinet, the increase in budget for payments to the developer and staffing and project costs on the Alma Estate scheme as detailed in para 6.1.5 and 6.1.6 of the report, noting that this increase could be offset by a reduction in the costs of the Dujardin Mews scheme.
- (6) To note the progress being made in the construction of new homes on Dujardin Mews and approve (as recommended by Cabinet) an increase in the budget to the total amount, as detailed within para 6.1.9 of the report from the HRA to cover increased build costs and the inclusion of an in-house lift in one of the new homes.
- (7) To approve (as recommended by Cabinet) the budget for staffing and project costs on the Dujardin Mews scheme in the amounts detailed in

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para 6.1.10 of the report, noting that this increase could be offset by a reduction in costs identified elsewhere within the scheme.

(Exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 (information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)) of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as amended).

For: 34
Against: 0
Abstentions: 19

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COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 11 - EXTENSION OF COUNCIL MEETING**

Given the remaining time available before the meeting was due to end and indication from both Groups that they still wished to consider the report relating to the Mobilisation and Operation of the Lee Valley Heat Network Councillor Neville moved and Councillor Taylor seconded a proposal under Council Procedural Rule 11(m) to extend the meeting for an additional period of 15 minutes. This was agreed unanimously without a vote.

**41
MOBILISATION AND OPERATION OF THE LEE VALLEY HEAT NETWORK (LVHN)**

Councillor Sitkin moved and Councillor Savva seconded the report of the Director of Regeneration and Environment (No.16) relating to mobilisation and operation of the Lee Valley Heat Network (LVHN).

NOTED

1. The report had been submitted for consideration in conjunction with Report 11 on the Part 1 Agenda. (Min.46 refers) following its approval by Cabinet on 17th June 2015. Whilst the majority of background information had been included within the accompanying Part 1 report, members agreed that consideration should remain within Part 2 of the agenda, given the intended focus of the debate around the financial issues outlined within the supporting information contained in the Part 2 report.
2. Cabinet had agreed the recommendations in the Part 1 report and noted the supporting financial information within the Part 2 report which had resulted in recommendation of the additional costs identified for inclusion within the Capital Programme.
3. The progress made to date on delivery of a major infrastructure project within the borough as detailed within section 3.6 of the accompanying Part 1 report, which had included:

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- a. the commencement of three key procurement exercises relating to the design, build and operation of the strategic heat network to Meridian Water; operation and maintenance of three satellite schemes at Ladderswood, Alma Road and New Avenue; and provision of a customer service for the entire network;
 - b. nurturing of investor confidence and support for the Business Plan; and
 - c. recruitment of a strong project team involving expert technical and consultancy support from across the decentralised energy sector;
4. The next steps planned in delivery of the project, as detailed in section 3.6 – 3.10 of the Part 1 report and breakdown of the additional funding being recommended for approval, which would be drawn down from funds already identified within the Council's indicative Capital Programme.
 5. The concerns highlighted by the Opposition Group in relation to:
 - a. what they felt to be the significant financial risks associated with delivery of the scheme and its potential impact on the delivery and viability of the Meridian Water development; and
 - b. what was felt to be the limited opportunities available for wider member oversight and scrutiny in relation to operation of the Holdco and management of risks as the project developed;
 6. In response to 5. above, the Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Business Regeneration highlighted what were felt to be the robust risk management procedures already established in order to monitor and mitigate, as far as possible, the risks identified.

Following a short debate the recommended inclusion of the additional funding within the Capital Programme was then put to the vote and agreed as follows:

AGREED to approve, as recommended by Cabinet, the inclusion of the £2.143m project development costs, as detailed within the Part 2 report, on the Council's approved Capital Programme.

(Exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 (information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)) of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as amended).

For: 33

Against: 17

Abstentions: 0

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Councillors Oykener, Sitkin and Taylor declared non-pecuniary interests in this item. They remained in the meeting and participated in the debate and decision on the report.

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COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 8 - DURATION OF THE COUNCIL MEETING AND ORDER OF AGENDA

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.

The Council then moved back into Part 1 of the agenda.

NOTED that in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 8 (page 4-8 – Part 4), the remaining items of business on the Council agenda were considered without debate.

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APPROVAL OF A NEW STRATEGY FOR LEISURE AND CULTURE POLICY FOR THE COUNCIL AND ITS PARTNERS

RECEIVED the report from the Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Services (No.220A) seeking approval to the new Leisure and Culture Strategy: Active and Creative 2015-2020.

NOTED that the Strategy and Action Plan had been approved (as amended within the report) for recommendation on to Council, by Cabinet on 29th April 2015.

AGREED to approve and adopt the new Leisure and Culture Strategy: Active and Creative 2015-2020.

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ALMA ESTATE REGENERATION - PROGRAMME UPDATE (INCLUDING DUJARDIN MEWS PROJECT)

RECEIVED the report of the Director of Regeneration and Environment and Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Services (No.225A) providing a programme update on development of the Alma Estate and Dujardin Mews schemes.

NOTED the report had been submitted for consideration in conjunction with Report 227A on the Part 2 Agenda. (Min.39 refers) following its approval by Cabinet on 29th April 2015.

AGREED to note the following decisions taken by Cabinet on 29th April 2015, in support of the decision already taken under the Part 2 agenda (Min.39 refers) regarding the inclusion of funding within the Capital Programme:

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- (1) To note in relation to both schemes, that all of the recommendations could be achieved without exceeding the combined budget for the two schemes.
- (2) In relation to the Alma Estate:
 - (a) Cabinet had noted the progress being made in obtaining vacant possession on the Alma Estate as detailed in para 3.11 and 3.12 of the report and approved the budget detailed in the part 2 report from the Housing Revenue Account to obtain vacant possession of the homes.
 - (b) Cabinet had agreed the proposal at para 3.27 of the report to increase the number of Council homes included in Phase 1 of the proposed redevelopment of the Alma Estate from 80 to approximately 98, subject to planning.
 - (c) Cabinet had noted that, based on current predictions of tenants indicating they would like to remain on the Estate, there was a risk that the Council might be required to purchase additional new Council homes. A report to acquire further properties from Countryside would be submitted to Cabinet for approval once numbers and budget requirements had been finalised.
 - (d) Cabinet had agreed the proposal at para 3.33 of the report to construct the retail element detailed in the part 2 report for inclusion in Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the proposed redevelopment of the Alma Estate.
 - (e) Cabinet had agreed the proposal at para 3.36 of the report to bring forward the development of Phase 1 of the proposed redevelopment of the Alma Estate and authorised the Council to give an undertaking for the amount detailed in the part 2 report to Countryside to underwrite the costs of demolition.
 - (f) Cabinet had agreed the proposal at para 3.41 of the report to include homes for older people within the proposed redevelopment of the Alma Estate and to delegate authority to the Director of Regeneration and Environment, acting in consultation with the Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Services, to agree terms for a Deed of Variation to facilitate the inclusion of the extra care homes.
 - (g) Cabinet had agreed to delegate authority to the Director of Regeneration and Environment, acting in consultation with the Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Services, to agree whether or not to exercise the Council's option to purchase the right to receive the ground rental income stream from Countryside on the terms contained in the Development Agreement.
 - (h) Cabinet had agreed to delegate authority to the Director of Regeneration and Environment, acting in consultation with the Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Services to agree the terms for the disposal of

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the right to receive the ground rental income stream on the open market in return for a capital sum.

- (i) Cabinet had agreed (subject to approval by Council) to increases in the budget for the Alma Estate for project and staffing costs and payments to the contractor as detailed in the Part 2 report.
 - (j) Cabinet had agreed to delegate authority to the Director of Regeneration and Environment, acting in consultation with the Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Services to agree the terms of such further variations to the Development Agreement as required to implement the development scheme within the development boundary agreed at the December 2014 meeting of Cabinet (Key decision no.4003).
- (3) In relation to the Dujardin Mews scheme:
- (a) Cabinet had noted the progress at para 3.47 of the report being made in the construction of new homes on Dujardin Mews and approved the budget detailed in the Part 2 report from the Housing Revenue Account to provide for the inclusion of one in-house lift in one of the new homes and for the increase in costs due to on site delays.
 - (b) Cabinet had agreed to recommend to the Council an increase in the Capital Programme to cover the extra costs of Alma Estate and Dujardin schemes with the additional costs funded from the receipts detailed in the Part 2 report.
 - (c) Cabinet had agreed to delegate authority to the Director of Regeneration and Environment, acting in consultation with the Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Services to agree the terms of such further variations to the building contract as required to implement the above.
 - (d) Cabinet had agreed to delegate authority to the Assistant Director Legal and Governance Services to complete such deeds necessary arising from the above recommendations.

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LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY 2015-2018

RECEIVED the report of the Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Services (No.7) seeking approval of a new Library Development Strategy 2015-2018 and the investment necessary to realise the vision.

NOTED

1. Cabinet (17th June 2015) had agreed the recommendations within the report, with the Strategy and funding for the capital works required at Edmonton Green Library referred on to Council for approval.

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2. The following amendment to para 5.10 of the report, agreed by Cabinet when approving the Strategy for recommendation on to Council (as detailed on the amendment sheet tabled at the meeting):

“5.10 Bring to an end the mobile library service and existing/new customers who cannot attend a physical library will be offered a different service through an extended Home Library Delivery Service which will be supported by volunteers.”

AGREED

- (1) To approve (as recommended by Cabinet) the Library Development Strategy, as detailed in Appendix C of the report, on the basis of delivering Option 1 from the consultation options (subject to the amendment to section 5.10 of the report noted above).
- (2) To approve the capital works required to deliver the improvements to the Edmonton Green Library, as detailed within the report (up to £5m) for inclusion on the Council's Capital programme with the Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Services and Cabinet Member for Finance Efficiency given delegated authority to start procurement and award contracts subject to further key decision notifications.

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MOBILISATION AND OPERATION OF LEE VALLEY HEAT NETWORK (LVHN)

RECEIVED the report from the Director of Regeneration and Environment (No.11) regarding the mobilisation and operation of the Lee Valley Heat Network.

NOTED the report had been submitted for consideration in conjunction with Report 16 on the Part 2 Agenda. (Min.41 refers) following its approval by Cabinet on 17th June 2015.

AGREED to note the decisions taken by Cabinet (17th June 2015) relating to the Governance, Finance and Procurement matters identified in relation to the Lee Valley Heat Network and in support of the decision taken under Part 2 (Min.41 refers) of the agenda to approve (as recommended by Cabinet) the inclusion of the £2.143m project development costs within the Council's approved Capital Programme.

Councillors Oyken, Sitkin and Taylor declared non-pecuniary interests in this item.

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RE-PROVISION PROJECT - CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

RECEIVED the report of the Director of Health, Housing and Adult Social Care (No.12) seeking approval to commission the design and construction of

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a dual registered care home and the approach towards procurement of the service delivery aspect for the project.

NOTED

1. Cabinet (17th June 2015) had approved entering into a Stage 2 building contract for the construction of the facility, subject to Council approving the additional capital costs within the capital programme.
2. The detailed recommendations and supporting financial information relating to the capital costs had been included in an accompanying report (No.17) to be considered on the Part 2 Council agenda (Min.58 refers).

AGREED to note the content of the report in support of the approval being sought within the Part 2 report, to the addition of the costs identified for the scheme within the Capital Programme.

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COUNCILLOR CONDUCT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15

RECEIVED the Annual Report from the Councillor Conduct Committee detailing the key issues dealt with by the Committee during 2014/15.

NOTED that the report had been agreed and recommended to Council for approval, by the Councillor Conduct Committee on 30th April 2015.

AGREED to approve the Councillor Conduct Committee Annual Report 2014/15.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION: STANDING ORDERS REGULATIONS 2015 - CHANGES TO THE STATUTORY DISMISSAL PROCEDURES FOR HEADS OF PAID SERVICE, MONITORING OFFICERS AND SECTION 151 FINANCE OFFICERS

RECEIVED the report from the Assistant Director Human Resources detailing changes required to the Council's Constitution as a result of changes within the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) Amendment Regulations 2015, which had come into force on 11 May 2015. These changes related to the taking of disciplinary action against the Head of Paid Service, Monitoring Officer and Section 151 Officer.

AGREED

- (1) To approve the amendments to the Constitution, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report, arising from the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) Amendment Regulations 2015.

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- (2) To delegate authority to the Remuneration Committee to approve the introduction of the new detailed model dismissal procedure for the Head of Paid Service, Monitoring Officer and Section 151 Finance Officer, arising from the requirements within the Regulations.

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MEMBERS ALLOWANCES SCHEME 2015/16

RECEIVED an update from the Director of Finance, Resources & Customer Services, listed on the agenda as Item 15 relating to the Members Allowance Scheme for 2015/16.

NOTED

1. Council (25 March 2015) had approved, following changes introduced under the Public Service Pension Act 2013 the establishment of a Local Pension Board and to rename the Council's existing Pension Board as the Pension Policy and Investment Committee.
2. Under the Members Allowances Scheme (Part 6 of the Constitution - Paragraph 6.3 (c)) the chair of the previous titled Pension Board received a Special Responsibility Allowance (SRA) of £2,000 per year but given the change in governance arrangements and role of the newly established Board, Council was now being asked to consider dividing the allowance between the chairs of the Pension Policy and Investment Committee and Local Pension Board.

AGREED to approve the following amendments to Schedule 1 of the Members Allowance Scheme in order to reflect the change in governance arrangements relating to administration of the Pension Fund:

- (1) To replace reference to Chair of Pensions Board with Chair of Pension Policy & Investment Committee and amend the level of Special Responsibility Allowance for that post to £1,000.
- (2) To add the Chair of the Local Pension Board as a post to receive a Special Responsibility Allowance (if filled by a councillor) – with an allocation of £1,000

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HOUSING GATEWAY LIMITED ANNUAL REPORT

RECEIVED the report for the Director of Finance, Housing and Customer Services (No.10) presenting the Housing Gateway Limited First Annual Report.

NOTED

1. Cabinet (17th June 2015) had considered and approved the report and recommended that it be referred on to Council for information.

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2. The report was accompanied by a Part 2 agenda item (Report No.15) which had also been referred to Council for information (Min.59 refers).

AGREED to note, subject to consideration of the accompanying Part 2 report, the contents of the first Housing Gateway Limited Annual report.

Councillor Joanne Laban declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in this item. As the matter was dealt with under the guillotine she did not withdraw from the meeting but took no part in the process for dealing with the report.

Councillors Achilleas Georgiou, Oykenner and Stafford declared non-pecuniary interests in this item.

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COUNCILLORS' QUESTION TIME (TIME ALLOWED - 30 MINUTES)

1.1 Urgent Question

The Mayor advised that in accordance with the criteria set out in the Constitution, she had accepted the following as an urgent question:

From Councillor Milne to Councillor Orhan, Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services and Protection:

The Cabinet Member will be aware that recent figures released by the London Assembly in a report "London's Children: Missing from Care" reveals that Enfield has one of the highest numbers of children in care going missing. The figures show that 110 children went missing from care 251 times in the last year and that there has been a 722% increase in missing children in borough placements.

Can the Cabinet Member explain to the Council:

- (a) why this is happening;
- (b) What steps she is putting in place to ensure these children are properly looked after as they should be; and
- (c) What action is she taking to ensure that those responsible for looking after these children are attending to their jobs properly.

A written response to the question from the Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services & Protection had been tabled (on the amendment sheet) at the meeting. Under the Council Procedure Rules no supplementary question was permitted.

1.2 Questions by Councillors

NOTED

COUNCIL - 24.6.2015

1. The seventy questions on the Council agenda and written responses provided by the relevant Cabinet Members and Associate Cabinet Members.
2. The updated copy of the Appendix provided as part of the response to Question 48 (tabled with the amendment sheet) providing a reformatted breakdown of Controlled Parking Zone enforcement costs.

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MOTIONS

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

- 1.1 In the name of Councillor Neville:

“Enfield Council congratulates the Conservative Party on winning the General Election on 7th May 2015, thus providing the United Kingdom with stable majority party government independent of the whims and fantasies of minor parties, and welcomes the referendum to be held in 2017 on Britain`s future relationship with the European Union. Enfield Council will seek to work in a constructive manner with the new Conservative Government for the benefit of the Enfield community.”

- 1.2 In the name of Councillor Sitkin:

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

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MEMBERSHIPS

AGREED the following changes to committee memberships:

- (1) **Green Belt Forum**

Councillor Steven to replace Councillor J.Charalambous

- (2) **Members and Democratic Services Group**

To note that Councillor Simon had been appointed as chair of the Group.

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NOMINATIONS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

AGREED the following changes to nominations on outside bodies:

- (1) **Edmonton United Charities**

Councillor Savva to be replaced by a vacancy.

(2) Enfield Racial Equality Council

Councillor J.Charalambous to be replaced by Councillor D.Pearce

(3) Health & Social Partnership Boards

(a) Older People

Councillor Jiagge to be replaced by Councillor Pite

(b) Carers

Councillor Jiagge to fill vacancy

(4) Safer Neighbourhood Board

Councillor Milne to be replaced by Councillor Dines

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

NOTED the next meeting of the Council would be held at 7.00pm on Thursday 24th September May 2015 at the Civic Centre.

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EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

AGREED in accordance with Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the press and public from the meeting for consideration of Items 1 and 2 listed on Part 2 of the agenda on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 (information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act (as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006).

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RE-PROVISION PROJECT - CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

RECEIVED the report of the Director of Health, Housing and Adult Social Care (No.17) seeking approval to commission the design and construction of a dual registered care home and the approach towards procurement, funding and delivery of the project.

NOTED

1. the report had been submitted for consideration in conjunction with Report 12 on the Part 1 Agenda. (Min.47 refers) following approval by Cabinet on 17 June 2015.

2. the decision made by Cabinet in relation to project development and costs and on the award of contract, which had been subject to approval of the additional capital costs detailed within the report.

AGREED, as recommended by Cabinet, to approve the additional capital cost of £2.647m (on the basis of the detail within section 6.1 of the report) for inclusion within the Capital Programme having noted that the estimated running and capital financing costs could be contained within the Medium Term Financial Plan provision.

(Exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 (information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)) of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as amended).

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HOUSING GATEWAY LIMITED ANNUAL REPORT

RECEIVED the report from the Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Services (No.15) presenting the first Housing Gateway Limited Annual Report, including details on the associated financial model.

NOTED the report had been submitted to Council for information in conjunction with Report 10 on the Part 1 Agenda. (Min.51 refers) following approval by Cabinet on 17 June 2015.

AGREED to note the contents of the first Housing Gateway Limited Annual Report.

(Exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 (information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)) of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as amended).

Councillors Joanne declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in this item. As the matter was dealt with under the guillotine she did not withdraw from the meeting but took no part in the process for dealing with the report.

Councillors Achilleas Georgiou, Oykenner and Stafford declared non-pecuniary interests in this item.

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MUNICIPAL YEAR 2015/2016 REPORT NO. **54A**

MEETING TITLE AND DATE:

OSC

-2nd June 2015

CMB

-21st July 2015

Cabinet

- 16th September 2015

Council

- 24th September 2015

REPORT OF:

Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Contact officer and telephone number:

Claire Johnson Scrutiny Manager Tel: 020 8379 4239

e-mail: Claire.johnson@enfield.gov.uk

Agenda - Part: 1	Item: 7
Subject:	
SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2015/16	
WARDS: None Specific	
Cabinet Members consulted: Cllrs Georgiou and Stafford	
Other Members consulted – Overview & Scrutiny Committee	

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report and Appendix 1 sets out the Scrutiny work programme and workstreams for 2015/16 for the Council's Overview & Scrutiny Committee (OSC), Health Standing Panel and Crime Standing Panel.
- 1.2 The Council's Constitution requires that the work programme proposed by OSC is adopted by Council on the recommendation of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, following consultation with the Corporate Management Board (CMB) and the Cabinet.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Cabinet is being invited to comment on the Overview & Scrutiny Committee proposed work programme and workstreams for 2015/16, prior to approval by Council.
- 2.2 Subject to any comments made under 2.1 above, Council is asked to approve the scrutiny work programme and workstreams for 2015/16.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee sets its own work programme for the year, taking into consideration wider consultation with CMB, Cabinet, stakeholders and community.

3.2 The structure of Scrutiny remains the same following the re-structure last year, with one overarching Overview & Scrutiny Committee, 2 Standing Panels on Health and Crime and 5 task and finish workstreams agreed by OSC.

3.2 OSC consists of the Chair and 5 members. Each member of the committee will lead on a workstream, therefore there will be 5 workstreams operating at any one time, with the option of 6 workstreams if the Chair decides to lead on an area.

4.0 Overview & Scrutiny Committee

4.1 OSC met on the 2nd June 2015 and agreed the workstreams for 2015/16. The list of potential workstreams identified by Scrutiny Members is extensive, and will not be achieved within the year, however new workstreams will be prioritised and scheduled to start as others are completed, so that in total there are 5 workstreams being undertaken at any one time or 6 if the Chair decides to take on a workstream. The OSC workprogramme Health, and crime standing Panel workprogrammes are shown at appendix 1, The agreed workstreams are shown as appendix 2, and the list of potential workstreams are at appendix 3.

4.2 Membership of the workstreams will be agreed with the OSC leads and party whips, allocating non-executive councillors to the workstreams who have expressed an interest in undertaking scrutiny in those areas. Membership of the workstreams is cross party and will reflect political proportionality. However membership numbers can be flexible on the workstreams, and once the workstream has finished, the membership is disbanded.

4.3 The workstreams on Health and Crime will particularly draw their members from an agreed pool of councillors who have expressed a pro-active interest to be involved in those areas. This will remain constant for the whole year and will be on a politically proportionate basis. This consistency in membership will allow these workstreams to develop a watching brief in these issues and build up a level of knowledge and expertise amongst members.

5.0 Engagement Protocol

5.1 The Protocol to engage and involve Directors, Chairs of Boards, statutory bodies and other key stakeholders was agreed by CMB in July 2013. Therefore CMB is consulted, and the Scrutiny work programme will be an item for information on the agenda for the Health & Wellbeing board and the Safer and Stronger Communities Board. In addition, the workprogrammes will be sent to key stakeholders such as Health, the Police, CCG, EVA etc.

5.2 Cabinet are asked to note that before beginning its work, each workstream will agree a scope for the review including:

- Terms of reference
- Desired outcomes
- Key stakeholders
- Training/information required for members to prepare for the review
- Timescale for the review
- Resources required (member and officer)
- Co-optees

6. COMMENTS FROM CMB

CMB noted the workprogrammes. They asked for the workstreams and workprogrammes to be shared with the Performance Management Hub in order to avoid any areas of duplication.

7. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

To comply with the requirements of the Council's Constitution.

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

No other options have been considered as the Overview & Scrutiny Committee is required, under the Council's Constitution, to present an annual scrutiny work programme to Council for adoption.

9. COMMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE, RESOURCES AND CUSTOMER SERVICES AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS

9.1 Financial Implications

Any cost implications of undertaking the Scrutiny workstreams will be found from within the existing budget,

9.2 Legal Implications

There are no legal implications associated with this report.

9.3 Key Risks

There are no key risks associated with this report. Any risks relating to individual scrutiny workstreams will be identified and assessed through the scoping process.

10. IMPACT ON COUNCIL PRIORITIES

10.1 Fairness for All

OSC will monitor the scrutiny work programme to ensure that it addresses issues affecting a wide range of Enfield residents and that services provided are fair and equitable.

10.2 Growth & Sustainability

As part of the approach towards scrutiny, reviews will consider issues relating to sustainability.

10.3 Strong Communities

OSC will ensure that the work programme continues to include active participation from residents and that reviews contribute to building strong communities.

11. EQUALITIES IMPACT IMPLICATIONS

Equalities impact assessments relating to individual scrutiny workstreams and their recommendations will be assessed through the scrutiny process.

12. PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

OSC will monitor the work programme and ensure that review recommendations are acted on and implemented by departments.

13. PUBLIC HEALTH IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct public health implications of this report, but rather what happens as a result of scrutiny.

Background Papers

None

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2015/16

WORK	Lead Officer	2 June Mtg (Planning)	30 July Mtg	2 Sept Mtg	12 Nov Mtg	14 Dec Mtg	28 Jan Mtg	17 Feb Mtg	7 April Mtg
Work Programme									
Setting the Overview & Scrutiny Annual Work Programme 2015/16	Claire Johnson	Agree Work Programme							
Selection of New Workstreams for 2015/16	Claire Johnson	Review and Approve Workstreams	Receive Scoping						Consider/ Propose New Workstreams
Workstreams Update (standing and time-limited)	Claire Johnson	Update		Update	Update		Update	Update	Update
Scrutiny Workstream Reports			Reports for 14/15						Reports for 15/16
Standing Items									
Children's and Young People's Issues	Tony Theodoulou / Julian Edwards			Looked After Children Tony Theodoulou, Linda Hughes	Children in need & Child protection activity overview Julian Edwards		SEND reforms progress report, incl short breaks, Parent Self assessments and use of grants Julian Edwards /Janet leach	Innovation Fund progress (Adolescents on the edge of care), CSE Team, Homeless young people	Ofsted Improvement Plan, IROs and LADO reports and CSE profiles Tony Theodoulou, Anne Stoker
Monitoring/Updates									
Child Sexual Exploitation Task Group	Anne Stoker				Update				Update
Scrutiny Involvement in Budget Consultation 16/17	Claire Johnson						Budget Meeting		
Safeguarding - Adults Services	Marion Harrington (Independent				Report – to also include update on rise				

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2015/16

WORK	Lead Officer	2 June Mtg (Planning)	30 July Mtg	2 Sept Mtg	12 Nov Mtg	14 Dec Mtg	28 Jan Mtg	17 Feb Mtg	7 April Mtg
	Chair) Sharon Burgess (Head of Safeguarding Adults)				in safeguarding enquiries				
Safeguarding - Children's Services	Geraldine Gavin (Independent Chair) Head of Safeguarding Children				Report/Action Plan				
Equality and Diversity Annual Report					[Report] TBC				
Annual Corporate Complaints Report	John Austin				[Report] TBC				
HR Issues – [Apprenticeships and Work Placements/Use of Consultants, Interims and Agency Staff]	[Joyceline Hogan/Julie Mimmagh]								Report
Scrutiny Monitoring									
Scrutiny Annual Report	Claire Johnson								Report
Other Items/Specific Topics:									
Care Act	Bindi Nagra			6 month update on Care Act 2014 –Bindi Nagra *					
Better Care Fund	Richard Young			6 mth update Richard Young					
ERPF – Evaluation/Update	Alison Trew			Report					

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2015/16

WORK	Lead Officer	2 June Mtg (Planning)	30 July Mtg	2 Sept Mtg	12 Nov Mtg	14 Dec Mtg	28 Jan Mtg	17 Feb Mtg	7 April Mtg
Parks Locking	Nicky Fiedler	Report							
Enfield Homes Reintegration/Housing Repairs	Paul Davey								Report
Enfield 2017	James Rolfe					Report			

HEALTH STANDING PANEL WORKPROGRAMME 2015/16

Health Standing Panel Work Programme	Lead Officer	Tuesday 13 th October 2015	Tuesday 26 th January 2016	Wednesday 9 th March
Deadline for sending papers to Scrutiny Team		29th September	12th January	24th February
Annual Items				
Agree Annual Work Programme 2015/16	Andy Ellis	To agree		
Scrutiny Annual Report 2015/16	Andy Ellis			To agree
NHS Trust Quality Accounts B&CF(RF), NMUH, BEHMHT, NL Hospice	Trust Reps			If papers available
Monitoring Items				
GP Access	CCG/LBE/ GP Networks	Report		
North Mid Hospital – A&E, ambulatory care, CQC follow-up	Julie Lowe	Report		
Adult Social Care Performance	Bindi Nagra		Report	
Public Health – Annual Report/JSNA	Dr.Shahed Ahmad			Report
Public Health – Cancer Screening/ Impact on GPs Antenatal Project	Dr Shahed Ahmad		Report	
Chase Farm Hospital – Urgent Care Centre Performance Site Development update	Director of Nursing Andrew Panniker	Report		
End of life Care – Update on strategy Bereavement Support Services	Bindi Nagra			Report
Drug Support Services	Bindi Nagra Andrew Thompson		Report	

Scrutiny Workstream Reviews				
Sensory Impairment - Access to Services		Update	Update	Update

CRIME STANDING PANEL: WORK PROGRAMME 2015/2016

WORK	Lead Officer	Thursday 11 June (Work Planning)	Thursday, 1 Oct	Thursday, 21 Jan	Tuesday, 22 Mar
Work Programme					
Panel Work Programme 2015/16 – To consider the Panel work programme	Sue Payne	Agree work programme			
Standing Items					
SSCB Partnership Plan & Strategic Priorities – To review and participate in the consultation process on development of the Plan and strategic priorities for 2015 – 16.	Andrea Clemons/ Sue Payne			6 month update- on current plan and progress update – engagement in consultation process	Progress Update – Feedback on public consultation & outline priorities
SSCB Performance Management – provide a monitoring overview on performance of SSCB	Andrea Clemons/ Sue Payne		Monitoring Update	Monitoring Update	Monitoring Update
Update on Police numbers	Supt Carl Robinson/ Sue Payne		Update	Update	Update
Scrutiny Annual Report 2015/16	Sue Payne				To agree
Briefings, Monitoring & Updates:					
Tackling Gangs & Serious Youth Violence Strategy & Action Plan	Andrea Clemons				Report
Domestic Abuse	Andrea Clemons		Report		
Transforming Rehabilitation	tbc			Report	

Knife carrying by young people inside and outside of schools- invite Safer Schools lead	Steve Hicks		Report		
Safer Neighbourhood Board	Tim Fellows				Report
Burglary	Andrea Clemons			Report	
Update on PCSO contract	Andrea Clemons		Report		

Crime Standing Panel - Joanne Laban (Chair), Mary Maguire (Vice Chair), Sarah Doyle, Ahmet Hussain, Elaine Hayward, Nesil Cazimoglu

Health Standing Panel - Abdul Abdullahi (Chair), Anne-Marie Pearce (Vice Chair), Terry Neville, Claire Stewart, Christine Hamilton, Dino Lemonides

APPENDIX 2

Agreed Scrutiny Workstreams 2015/16

Subject	Scope	Workstream Lead and membership	Scrutiny contact
Adoption	Key issues for the review to look at: - Understanding of Enfield’s performance in accordance with the government targets - Marketing and recruitment of prospective adopters - The adoption processes - Training and support offered to adopters	Krystle Fonyonga Andy Milne (VC) Alex Georgiou Suna Hurman Dinah Barry Toby Simon	Sue Payne
	Scope		Page 44
School Places	The objectives would be to answer specific questions as follows: How are we planning ahead to meet pressure on school places? What are the challenges we face in forward planning? Are there challenges specific to Enfield? Are we meeting these challenges in the best way possible? How do other Boroughs deal with particular challenges and are their approaches useful to us? Given economic pressures, are we managing resources effectively as possible in this area? Are there factors outside our direct control that impact upon this issue? If so, how can we manage these to ensure the best outcomes for Enfield parents and children seeking school places?	Katherine Chibah Nick Dines (VC) Alex Georgiou Jansev Jemal Christiana During Turgut Esendagli	Sue Payne

	Scope		
Sensory Impairment	To undertake a review of access to services, and the difficulties faced by people with sensory impairment when they use services or communicate with healthcare providers, the council and Police.	Abdul Abullahi Anne-Marie Pearce (VC) Eric Jukes Claire Stewart Christine Hamilton Dino Lemonides	Andy Ellis
	Scope		
Enforcement/Keep Enfield Clean	To look at how the Council can maximise the powers available in relation to all aspects of environmental enforcement. To look at managing public expectations in relation to what is and isn't possible within current national legislation. This review will cover both the public highway and private land.	Joanne Laban Ozzie Uzoanya (VC) Robert Hayward Bernadette Lappage Doris Jiagge Ali Bakir	Andy Ellis
	Scope		
Meridian Water - Land Planning	Using the Master Plan as a starting point, the Work Stream will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. examine the proposed tenure mix of housing on the site with a view to commenting on how it meets future housing demand and need and its economic viability; b. review the planned interface between the development and the proposed Lee Valley Heat Network and sustainability requirements generally; c. review proposed housing densities, building heights, design standards, methods of construction and visual appearance; 	Edward Smith Don MCGowan (VC) Lee Chamberlain Chris Bond Adeline Kepez Guney Dogan	Andy Ellis

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">d. review the proposed provision and location of communal facilities such as primary health Care and schools and open space;e. review the nature and viability of the existing industrial uses and employment on the site and make recommendations as to their future location and growth.		
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Overview & Scrutiny Workprogramme 2015/16

APPENDIX 3

LIST OF POTENTIAL WORKSTREAMS SENT IN BY MEMBERS

- **The council's relationship with the voluntary sector**, and the interaction/expectations of some voluntary sector bodies of, to, with, and from the Council
- **Digital Inclusion** "digital by default"
- **Quality of communication** - ... extends in some ways to the style and tone and personality of written correspondence from various Council departments, JARGON needs to be captured in some way in reviewing outward communication with residents
- **Housing / enfield homes** If we want to review the impact of the Enfield Homes transition, any such work stream could not sensibly do anything much before Q4 – Jan/Apr 2016
- **Standards within schools** - how are we encouraging improvement where needed or recognising and making use of best practice?
- How are we performing in terms of **SEN / CAHMS** provision as compared to other authorities?
- **Youth services** what are we aiming to provide given harsh financial climate and what are the criteria used for determining that?
- **Housing repairs** - how are we ensuring that Enfield homes respond well in terms of residents needs for repairs?

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Audit Committee Annual Report 2014/15

CHAIR'S INTRODUCTION

I am very pleased to present this Audit Committee Annual Report for 2014/15 to both the Committee and to full Council.

The report shows that the Audit Committee has undertaken its role effectively covering a wide range of topics and ensuring that appropriate governance and control arrangements are in place to protect the interests of the Council and the community in general.

I would like to thank all the members who served on the Committee during 2014/15. My thanks also go to Grant Thornton (external auditors) and to Council officers who have supported the work of the Committee and more specifically me in my role as Chair.

Councillor Dino Lemonides
Chair

1. TERMS OF REFERENCE AND MEMBERSHIP

The Terms of Reference of the Audit Committee are set out in the Council's Constitution (see Chapter 2.7 – paragraph 5). Our primary purpose is to ensure best practice in corporate governance and to enable the Council to discharge its fiduciary responsibilities in preventing fraud and corruption and arranging proper stewardship of public funds. The Terms of Reference have been assessed against CIPFA guidance.

We met 6 times during 2014/15, in addition to holding briefing sessions, as the need was identified. (See section 21).

During 2014/15 our membership was:

Councillor Dino Lemonides Chair

Councillor Mary Maguire Vice Chair

Councillors Guney Dogan, Robert Hayward, Jansev Jemal, Terence Neville OBE JP and Doris Jiagge (January 2015 onwards). Councillor Haydar Ulus also served as a member of the committee from June 2014 – November 2014.

2. THE COMMITTEE'S WORK PROGRAMME

We agree a comprehensive work programme each year covering all aspects of our terms of reference. Members have a direct input into the content of this programme which is reviewed and monitored at each meeting. Items can be added if the Committee feels it appropriate.

The work undertaken during 2014/15 continued to support the following key areas:

- The Internal Audit Plan and the adequacy of the control environment of the Council – a primary role of Internal Audit.
- The relationship with the external auditors of the Council, working together to maximise the contribution to the assurance process.
- The Annual Governance Statement and working across the Council to assess overall governance arrangements.
- Risk Registers, the management of risk relating to the corporate and departmental risk registers, specific risk monitoring and promotion of risk awareness.

Specific areas that the Committee focussed on over the year are set out in Appendix A which lists the work undertaken by the Committee during 2014/15.

3. THE 2014/15 INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL REPORT

In July 2015 we considered the 2014/15 Internal Audit Annual Report. This summarised the work of the Internal Audit section for the year 2014/15 and included the Head of Internal Audit and Risk Management's annual opinion on the system of internal control.

We received a positive assurance that, in general:

- The opinion of the Head of Internal Audit and Risk Management was that the arrangements for risk management, internal control and governance provide reasonable assurance that material risks, which could impact upon the achievement of the Council's services or objectives, were being identified and managed effectively.
- The 2014/15 Internal Audit programme had resulted in 70% of audits with positive assurance, compared to 30% with Limited or No assurance.
- The approved Internal Audit Plan for 2014/15 included a total of 72 audits. As a result of changes made to the approved plan, a total of 75 assignments were undertaken in 2014/15, including 10 new reviews, seven of which substituted for cancelled or deferred audits.
- Management had continued to engage with Internal Audit and, through a strengthened process to track progress with the implementation of agreed actions. By the end of the year, 85% of high priority recommendations and 82% of medium priority recommendations had been implemented.
- As the Council continues to transform, the focus on maintaining a relevant and proportionate control environment is important to ensure that it can achieve both its strategic and operational objectives. The organisation must continue to ensure that the control framework and compliance with this continues to safeguard asset, finances and service users.

4. THE INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2015/16

The Internal Audit Strategy, Plan and Internal Audit Charter 2015/16 was considered at our meeting on 4 March 2015. The Audit Plan represents a key area of interest for the Committee and covers the activities around controls, assurance and governance arrangements within the Council. The Plan showed how the resources of the Internal Audit team were to be applied to cover the key controls of the Council and address the risks that the Council faces during 2015/16. Regular reports throughout the coming year will monitor the plan itself or specific aspects of activity around the Council's control environment. The Internal Audit Charter set out the purpose, authority and responsibilities of Enfield Council's internal audit service.

5. INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICE

The Committee has continued to monitor the work undertaken by the internal audit service to achieve the 2014/15 Internal Audit Plan, with

monitoring updates provided for each meeting. We focussed on progress with the number of reviews, reviewed details of issues identified that resulted in limited or no assurance outcomes, monitored managers' progress with the implementation of internal audit recommendations and received summaries of work undertaken by the Counter Fraud Team.

Throughout the year, internal audit activity has conformed to the International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing, as confirmed by an independent peer review of the service, which was undertaken by the London Borough of Croydon. This concluded that the Council's internal audit service 'fully conforms' with the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards, and achieves the outcomes described in the Definition of Internal Auditing and Code of Ethics.

6. RELATIONSHIP WITH THE EXTERNAL AUDITORS

Representatives of our External Auditors (Grant Thornton) have continued to attend all meetings, making a welcome contribution to governance processes within the Council and the development of committee members. We have considered reports/publications on a variety of issues including:

- Guide to Local Authority accounts.
- Helping Local Authorities prepare clear and concise financial statements.
- Approving the minimum revenue provision.
- Pulling together the better care fund.
- 2020 Vision: Exploring finance and policy futures for English local government.

In line with the Chartered Institute of Public Finance & Accountancy's 'A Toolkit for Local Authority Audit Committees' we also held a private discussion with the external auditors and Head of Internal Audit & Risk Management.

Grant Thornton also met regularly with the Section 151 Monitoring Officer and the Head of Internal Audit & Risk Management to discuss and monitor matters of mutual interest.

7. THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

In July and September 2014 we considered the 2013/14 Statement of Accounts which included the Annual Governance Statement. The Committee has continued to monitor progress in dealing with objections and closure of the accounts.

8. PROPERTY PROCEDURE RULES and CONTRACT PROCEDURE RULES

- On 25 September 2014, we considered the waivers update to the Council's Contract Procedure Rules (CPRs).
- On the 8 January 2015 we received an update on the amendments to the Contract Procedure Rules 6 monthly review of

waivers issued under the Contract Procedure Rules (CPRs). The three key areas:

- a. Changes to the waiver procedure – Waivers would now be signed off first by the Assistant Director – Procurement before being signed off by Directors, as quite often they needn't be waived in the first place.
- b. Transparency – to introduce the concept of an annual procurement plan, so that the public and business know what is being procured over the coming year.
- c. Procurement thresholds – proposal to increase thresholds.

9. COUNTER FRAUD WORK

On the 9 July 2014 there was an update on the Counter Fraud Service and on 6 November 2014 we considered the Counter Fraud Strategy & Anti-Fraud Action Plan.

We have continued to take a close interest in the work being undertaken by the Counter Fraud Team with updates provided for each meeting on the activity being undertaken, and outcomes achieved in relation to housing and housing benefit fraud and internal fraud. We were pleased to note that by 31 March 2015:

- 45 individuals had received sanctions, including 17 prosecutions, for benefit fraud.
- Overpayments of Housing Benefit, Council Tax Benefit, and Council Tax Support totalling £977k had been identified
- Working with Enfield Homes, the joint team had recovered 67 properties that had been illegally sub-let. The investigations Team had also recovered 6 sub-let housing association properties and 14 properties used as Temporary Accommodation. The total value of these recoveries to the Council was estimated at more than £1.4m.
- 17 individuals were prosecuted for benefit offences, with overpayments of around £349k.
- Through participation in the National Fraud Initiative benefit over payments in excess of £103,000 had been identified as awarded to students.

10. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT & INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In line with the revised Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) Code of Practice for Treasury Management and Prudential Indicators, we considered the Treasury Management Strategy Statement & Investment Strategy 2015/16 to 2018/19 at its meeting on 4 March 2015.

11. DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S CHANGE AND TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME AND SAVINGS ACHIEVED

At the meeting held on 25 September 2014, the Council's future transformation programme (Enfield 2017) was considered and the savings achieved by the programme to date. The report drew attention to the vision and broad direction of Enfield 2017, which had been agreed by Cabinet on 17 September 2014. The Committee continues to receive updates on progress with the delivery of the Enfield 2017 programme.

12. FINANCIAL RESILIENCE CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMME

At the meeting held on the 6 November 2014, we considered the Financial Resilience Capacity Building Programme. The programme would equip the Council's finance function with more skills and ideas to drive transformation forward for better services. The ongoing monitoring of the programme has been added on the Committee work programme for 2015/16.

13. ENFIELD HOMES

The Annual Internal Audit Report for Enfield Homes was heard by Committee on the 9 January 2014 meeting, The Committee had not been satisfied with the report and requested that Senior Enfield Homes Management should attend the next scheduled meeting to account for their actions regarding their processes for running Council Housing stock.

At our meeting held on 6 November 2014, Enfield Homes Audited Statement of Accounts 2013/14 and plan of work for 2014/15 were reviewed and noted. Enfield Homes had to produce the accounts on a breaking up basis, due to Enfield Homes coming back in-house by April 2015.

The Enfield Homes Annual Internal Audit Report for 2013/14 was also reviewed on 6 November 2014, as presented to members of the Enfield Homes Board. This described the work carried out by Internal Audit during 2013/14, providing summaries of six assignments, including review of the process for tracking managers' progress with the implementation of internal audit recommendations. The outcome of these assignments together with assurances from other activities conducted by the Audit & Risk Management Service informed the overall 'Reasonable' assurance assessment for Enfield Homes.

14. DEPARTMENTAL & CORPORATE RISK REGISTERS UPDATE.

At the meeting held on 6 November 2014, we received an update of the Council's Departmental and Corporate Risk Registers. The Council's Risk Management Strategy allows for the regular review of departmental and corporate risks.

In line with the Audit Committee 2014/15 work programme, the report provided an update on the risks recorded in the departmental and

corporate risk registers. Further updates are being provided for the Committee on an annual basis.

15. SICKNESS ABSENCE

A Human Resources (HR) update on tackling sickness absence was requested by the Committee for the meeting held on 25 September 2014. Human Resources had identified the top 20 short term and long term sickness cases by working with management and agreeing/implementing an action plan for each identified case, so as to reduce absence levels. A further update was considered at the Committee meeting held on 4 March 2015 including an update on the Occupational Health Service.

It was agreed that future HR Sickness Absence reports will now be monitored by the Remuneration Committee and if that Committee identified issues, these could be brought back to Audit Committee.

16. SCHOOL LETTINGS AGENCY SERVICE

An internal audit was undertaken in 2012/13 to review the processes and controls in place relating to this Service. Booking arrangements, fee collection, payments to schools, VAT and Criminal Record Bureau (CRB) procedures had been assessed by the Audit.

The School Lettings Service audit report was initially considered at the Committee meeting held on 9 January 2014. The report summarised the outcome of the audit which included 3 high risk, 2 medium risk and 1 low risk finding. The service was failing and not producing value for money. Audit Committee identified weaknesses in the service through the report and asked for assurances regarding the service's management of debts. A progress update report was requested by the Committee and Jenny Tosh (Assistant Director – Education Services) provided this at Committee on 9 July 2014. After a consultation process with schools had been completed, a proposal was agreed to cease running the School Lettings Service.

At the Committee meeting on 25 September Internal Audit reported the results of sample testing on 20 debts, which provided assurance that there were no issues regarding outstanding debts, income collected and payment of income to schools as reported in financial records.

Business activities for the service had ceased at the end of June 2014.

17. INDEPENDENT MEMBERS ON AUDIT COMMITTEE

Audit Committee have been keen to progress the recruitment of Independent Members during 2014/15. The Committee has therefore commenced a formal recruitment process with interviews due to take place in June and July 2015. These will be based around a job description and person specification that was agreed by the Committee.

The Independent Person will serve as a non-voting member of the Committee acting in an advisory and consultative manner, with a final appointment due to be confirmed in 2015/16.

Since this report was reviewed, Ms Chaitali Roy is to be recommended to Council for approval as the Audit Committee Independent Person.

18. COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME (CTRS) – SUPREME COURT RULING (HARINGEY)

An update on a Supreme Court Ruling (Haringey) regarding the Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTRS) was received at our meeting held on 8 January 2015. Assurance was provided that Enfield was compliant.

19. HOUSING SUPPLY AND HOMELESSNESS

At the meeting held on 8 January 2015, the Committee heard a report regarding the Council's housing supply and homelessness. The report was considered in two parts. The first part of the report set out replies to a number of questions put to the service, arising from the Audit Committee meeting held on 6 November 2014. The second part of the report dealt with questions related to Housing Supply and Homelessness. A further update has been included on the Committee Work Programme for 2015/16.

20. THE CARE ACT 2015

On the 4 March 2015, we considered the implementation and progress of the Care Act 2015. The presentation covered the following headings:

- A brief history of care and support.
- Context for change: demands on the system.
- Key principles of the Care Act.
- What does the Care Act do.

The implementation of the Care Act will come in two stages. Some changes came into force on 1 April 2015 and others – most importantly, the care cap - will be introduced from April 2016. They relate only to care in England.

This item has been put onto the Audit Committee Work Programme for 2015/16, so that progress can be reported to the Committee again in September 2015.

21. REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT 2000 (RIPA)

The Committee has also continued to receive quarterly reports on the Council's use of its powers under RIPA.

22. REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

In June 2014, a decision was made by Council as part of a wider review of the Council's decision making arrangements to incorporate the role of the Remuneration Sub-Committee within the remit for the Audit Committee, with a view to streamlining the number of council committees.

Following that decision, a number of developments were identified which highlighted the importance of senior pay and conditions in relation to the local government transformation agenda.

In light of these developments above, the need was highlighted for a mechanism allowing members to give full consideration to the issue of senior pay and reward, as part of the process for meeting the financial challenges ahead. Following discussion with the Members & Democratic Services Group it was felt the most appropriate way to ensure this would be to establish a free standing committee focussed on senior officer remuneration and HR issues.

As a result Council was asked to consider establishing a free standing Remuneration Committee, made up of 3 members. This was agreed in November 14, along with the necessary changes to remove this area of responsibility from the Audit Committee Terms of Reference.

In 2014/15 the Committee met once and discussed:

- Exercising Discretion under the Local Government Pension Scheme.
- JNC Pay Award.
- Comparative Pay Rates in London 2013/14
- Review and Adoption of a Statutory Pay Policy Statement.
- Protocol for Members Appointment Panels.
- Directors and Assistant Directors – PAR Objectives Achieved 2013/14.

24. TRAINING AND BRIEFING SESSIONS

The following sessions were held during 2014/15:

- Audit Committee Induction/Training – Role of the Audit Committee/External Audit/Internal Audit – 3 July 2014
- Audit Committee Induction/Training – Role of the Audit Committee/External Audit/Internal Audit – 8 January 2015
- Audit & Risk Management Training – Scoring risks, use of Matrix system and how risks are monitored/quantified – 4 March 2015.

We propose to continue to hold regular update/briefing sessions on issues within our terms of reference throughout 2015/16.

25. WORK PROGRAMME 2015/16

We have agreed our work programme for the current year.

26. CONCLUSION

Overall we feel that we fulfilled our role and responsibilities successfully during 2014/15. We would like to express our appreciation to staff both within the Council and our External Auditors who have contributed to our work and supported us throughout the year.

BDO LLP are to take over from Grant Thornton once the 15/16 audit and certification work is completed. Grant Thornton are likely to attend up to and including the January 2016 Audit Committee but would not be issuing any Audit fee letter in September 2016 or Audit plan in March 2016.

The Committee would like to thank Grant Thornton for their support as External Auditors.

Summary of Audit Committee Work Programme 2014/15

Date of Meeting	Reports Considered
9 July 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2013/14 Annual Statement of Accounts • School Lettings Service Audit Report – Progress Update • External Audit Progress Report – July 2014 • Update on Counter Fraud Service • Scrutiny of Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) – update • Grant Certification Work Plan – Year ended 31 March 2014 • 2013/14 Internal Audit Annual Report • Audit Committee Annual Report 2013/14
9 September 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Statement of Accounts 2013/14
25 September 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • External Auditors Annual Report to those Charged with Governance (ISA260) • LBE Audited Council Statement of Accounts 2013/14 & Annual Governance Statement • Human Resources Update on Tackling Sickness Absence • Contract Procedure Rules – Waivers Update (6 Monthly) • Development of the Council's Change & Transformation Programme Update and Savings Achieved by Leaner • Internal Audit Progress Update 2014/15 • Scrutiny of Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) – update & review of National Report on the use of RIPA • External Audit Progress Report – September 2014
6 November 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • London Borough of Enfield: Annual Audit Letter 2013/14 • Enfield Homes Audited Statement of Accounts 2013/14 • Enfield Homes Annual Internal Audit Report – 2013/14 & Plan of Work for 2014/15 • Counter Fraud strategy and Anti-Fraud Action Plan • Financial Resilience Capacity Building Programme – Grant Thornton • Departmental & Corporate Risk Registers Update • Independent Members on Audit Committee • Audit & Risk Management Service Progress Report 2014/15 • External Audit Progress Report – November 2014
8 January 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTRS) – Supreme Court Ruling (Haringey) • Health & Safety Presentation

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • External Audit Certification Report 2013/14 • Housing Supply and Homelessness • Revised Property Procedure Rules – Operational Review • Contract Procedure Rules - Amendments • Scrutiny of Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) • Audit & Risk Management Service Progress Report – 1 April 2014 – 30 November 2014 • External Audit Progress Report 2014/15 – January 2015
<p>4 March 2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internal Audit Progress Report and Update on Departmental and Corporate Risk Registers 2014/15 • The Care Act 2015 • Treasury Management Strategy and Prudential Indicators 2015/16 • Scrutiny of Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) – update • Tackling Sickness Absence (Including Update on Occupational Health) • External Audit Plan 2015/16 and Progress Report to March 2015 • Draft 2015/16 Internal Audit Plan & Internal Audit Charter

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Questions 24 September 2015

Section 1: Questions for Cabinet Members

Question 1 from Councillor Neville to Councillor Taylor, Leader of the Council

Could the Leader of the Council tell the Council if he has seen the article on the BBC website published 7 September 2015 about temporary housing in the London boroughs? The article reveals some staggering facts as a result of a Freedom of Information request, significantly that over the years 2012-2015 Enfield has had the highest spend on temporary accommodation – **in excess of £81million.**

- a) In the light of this will he tell the Council what steps he is taking to ensure that only those who are genuinely homeless within the meaning of the legislation are housed in Enfield?
- b) What steps he has or is taking to spread the burden as other London Boroughs have by relocating those households genuinely accepted as homeless in other parts of London and the south east?
- c) What action he has taken to raise the matter with London Councils to ensure that this matter is brought to the attention of government to seek a review of both the Homeless Person's Legislation and the Guidance thereon?

Reply from Councillor Taylor, Leader of the Council

The figures quoted in the article are the gross costs to the Council of temporary accommodation and do not account for the rental income received from the households, currently housed by the Council, in accordance with its statutory duties. However, the rise in homeless households in Enfield and across the rest of London is unacceptable. There is a correlation between the rise in homelessness, an overheated housing market and the Government's welfare reforms.

If this question is intended to highlight the waste of public money that is resulting from the Government's badly designed housing policies, I agree that this money would be better invested in decent affordable housing, which gives families a settled home and children the best start in life.

- A) The Council's housing services are coping with a housing crisis, which include preventative services to maintain the current home or a swift move to an alternative home which avoids the homelessness crisis wherever possible. Most of our families are homeless as a result of the ending of a private tenancy, so there are times when the law requires a family to be housed while investigations are undertaken to ensure that they are genuinely entitled to help. If our help is not appropriate, alternative arrangements are made with Children's Services to move the family on.
- B) The Council's Housing Procurement team locates the most cost effective, suitable accommodation every day. This could be in Enfield or outside the borough. The team is mandated to achieve best value and the decision to be taken at the September 2015 Cabinet, to work collaboratively with three other

boroughs instead of competing against each other exemplifies this approach. Councillor Neville seems focused on location of accommodation, whereas my Administration is focused on achieving value in a challenging market.

- C) As the housing crisis worsens under this Government's housing policies, I can assure Councillor Neville that the relentless pressures facing all London boroughs, is a matter of constant scrutiny for me and every other Council Leader at London Councils.

My experience tells me that no matter who advises this Government on the impact of their housing policies, and the inexorable shift away of investment of public money in stable good quality affordable housing, towards the private rented sector and the costs to society - both direct and indirect - they won't listen!

Question 2 from Councillor Levy to Councillor Taylor, the Leader of the Council

In the budget in July 2015, the Chancellor increased insurance premium tax from 6% to 9.5% in November. Can the Leader of the Council say what will this mean for Enfield motorists?

Reply from Councillor Taylor, Leader of the Council

This appears to be yet another stealth tax. The AA warns, for example, that car insurance costs could increase by 10% by Christmas costing motorists an average extra £53. In addition, breakdown insurance and other associated insurance will rise. All of this dwarfs any increases in parking charges in the past few years. I assume Conservative Members, who are keen to display their pro-motorist credentials, will be condemning the Chancellor for this stealth tax attack on motorists.

Question 3 from Councillor Neville to Councillor Taylor, Leader of the Council

As the Prime Minister remarked recently, no-one could fail to be moved by the images shown during recent days of the tragic loss of life of two young children seeking refuge from Syria. That said, does he agree that the new tranche of refugees accepted by the government as part of its contribution to the international community's reaction to the Syrian crisis, should be located outside of London given the enormous pressures already existing within London and in particular within Enfield?

Reply from Councillor Taylor, Leader of the Council

Government has to ensure that we meet our moral and international obligations properly. This means that **all** costs of resettlement and ongoing support (direct and indirect) should be met by the National Exchequer. London should play its part but, with all boroughs, that should not be done so as to destabilise the fragile housing market. Enfield will work with the Mayor of London, other London boroughs, DCLG and the Home Office to achieve this.

Question 4 from Councillor Barry to Councillor Orhan, Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services & Protection

Would the Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services & Protection share her concerns with the Council on the impact of the Government's austerity measures on Children Services and its likely impact on Enfield?

Reply from Councillor Orhan, Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services & Protection

The Government's austerity measures are already acting as an obstacle to the ability to truly thrive for some families and children in Enfield.

Levels of child and family poverty in the borough remain high at 29.6% of children aged under 16 years living in poverty, despite the tireless efforts we make to build resilience within our communities. Children and young people make up 27.7% of our total population, this is 4% above the national average, and the numbers living in the borough are increasing each year, with the complexity of those families increasing too.

Question 5 from Councillor Rye to Councillor A Cazimoglu, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care

At the Council Meeting on 24 June 2015 there was insufficient time to debate Report Number 12 Re-provision Project-Construction Contract to commission the design and construction of a dual registered care home and then procure the service delivery aspect of the project separately.

Would she therefore inform the Council why it has taken more than 5 years to develop this much needed facility on the Elizabeth House site given that when the Labour Party took control of the Council in 2010 this site was already vacant?

Reply from Councillor A Cazimoglu, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care

The rapidly changing financial and market environment over the period has had a profound impact on the procurement of the Re-provision Project and also similar services in the department (for example Honeysuckle House and Parkview House care homes). Demolition of Elizabeth House was completed in January 2012. During 2012, the Council sought to procure the service twice as a design, build, operate, maintain model without success as service providers appeared not to view local authority contracts as attractive as they may previously have found. It was felt that this was probably due to significant changes in market conditions, meaning that these contracts are less profitable and therefore higher risk. Furthermore, the construction sector has been affected disproportionately since the recession of 2008, and in early 2012 the construction contracting industry returned to recession for the third time in 5 years. In July 2013, Cabinet and full Council agreed to commission the design and construction of a dual registered care home and procure service separately. Design work was undertaken and Morgan Sindall were appointed for pre-

construction services in August 2014. The planning application for the new home was submitted in October 2014 and permission was granted subject to conditions in December 2014, following a partial redesign of the building to address conservation issues in relation to the Almshouses which are adjacent to the site. In June 2015, Morgan Sindall were appointed for the construction of the new care home and work commenced on site on 10th August 2015.

Question 6 from Councillor Abdullahi to Councillor Brett, Cabinet Member for Community Organisation and Culture

The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) has admitted using made-up stories from fictional claimants to demonstrate the positive impact of benefit sanctions. At a previous Council meeting the Labour side raised major concerns on benefit sanctions.

A DWP leaflet featured one welfare claimant, "Sarah", who said she was "really pleased" a cut to her benefits had encouraged her to improve her CV. But after a Freedom of Information request by the website Welfare Weekly, the DWP said they were not real claimants.

Given the previous concerns raised, does the Cabinet Member believe that this "confusion marketing" to support a political approach is wholly reprehensible and the Secretary of State should apologise?

Reply from Councillor Brett, Cabinet Member for Community Organisation and Culture

I completely agree with Councillor Abdullahi, the use of confusion marketing is wholly inappropriate when dealing with some of the most vulnerable in our community and the Minister for the Department for Work and Pensions should apologise for this unacceptable practice in his department.

Members may be aware that more than 2 million people have been sanctioned in the last two years. The DWP claims this is a last resort. In fact the experience of many does not bear this out. A resident of mine recently had her benefits terminated without any explanation at all. The sanctions section seemed to have been skipped altogether. The person is now having their claim resurrected by the CAB. The trauma and worry it has caused are unquantifiable.

People have been sanctioned for arriving a couple of minutes late, had their appointments abruptly cancelled and families have been left destitute without money for heating or food.

The so called case studies used for illustrative purposes have done nothing other than sow confusion and more fear in the minds of benefits claimants, particularly those with mental health issues and disabilities whose needs are little understood by many of the job centre staff in the first place. I have direct experience of assisting some of our residents and was concerned by the lengths they would have to go to prove eligibility.

I thank Councillor Abdullahi for raising this question because it allows me to share this information.

Question 7 from Councillor Rye to Councillor A Cazimoglu, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care

Given the length of time it has taken the Labour administration to procure a dual registered care home and procure a delivery aspect for the project at the Elizabeth House site, what reassurance can she give the Council that her department will be more successful and act in a more timely manner in re-providing the two Local Authority run Care Homes at Coppice Wood Lodge and Bridge House in a new single purpose built building. What date can she give the Council for this to be delivered?

Reply from Councillor A Cazimoglu, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care

Officers have commenced work to procure a service provider for the new facility and have arranged a market engagement event for the 22nd September 2015 to share the Council's vision for service provision, determine the market's appetite for the contract opportunity and to seek input in to the service design. Practical completion of the building is anticipated in November 2016 and this will be followed by a fit-out period by the service provider to install equipment and furniture. It is expected that the new home will be operational by the end of 2016. At this point residents of both Coppice Wood and Bridge House will transfer to the new facility.

Question 8 from Councillor Lemonides to Councillor Sitkin, Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Business Development

Would the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Business Development update the Council on the Silicon Enfield initiative?

Reply from Councillor Sitkin, Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Business Development

We are actively following up on an option to make use of Winchmore Hill Library as a venue for a Tech Hub that this Administration has taken the initiative of launching. This will be in partnership with our Enterprise Agency and young entrepreneurs in the borough and will provide anything from teaching budding entrepreneurs to write and prepare 'code' to develop computer programming, to helping users get the most out of their smart phone and tablets in order to maximise their business opportunities.

Question 9 from Councillor Rye to Councillor A Cazimoglu, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care

At the Cabinet Meeting on 22 July 2015 that you were unable to attend, a report was tabled in your name on the Future Nursing and Residential Dementia Care Provision at Honeysuckle House, which set out that this contract with Care UK was "distressed" as it had run out of time following a failed procurement by your

department. Care UK could have walked away from this contract but out of a commitment to the residents have continued to provide the service. The report agreed a further three year contract with Care UK at which point a resolution would need to be found for the future of this facility or its replacement. What action is she taking to ensure the future re-provision of Honeysuckle House either on the present site or elsewhere? How will she guarantee to the Council that the unfavourable financial penalties on a potential closure of Honeysuckle House will be avoided by new provision within the three year timeframe that the contract has set?

Reply from Councillor A Cazimoglu, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care

A report is being submitted to Cabinet on 21st October to approve the direction of travel for Honeysuckle House and support the wider strategic aims of future nursing and residential dementia care in the borough. In addition, the report will seek approval for officers to explore proposals for the site of a new nursing dementia care home and report back to Cabinet in November with further recommendations.

Question 10 from Councillor N Cazimoglu to Councillor Orhan, Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services & Protection

Would Councillor Orhan, Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services and Protection join me in thanking the staff in the schools support services as well as all staff, governors and pupils of schools in Enfield for their hard work which has resulted in an increasing numbers of Enfield schools being judged to be good or outstanding.

Reply from Councillor Orhan, Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services & Protection

87% of Enfield schools are now judged by Ofsted to be good or outstanding, which is significantly above the national average of 80% and above the London average of 85%. This improvement, up from 72% in 2012, reflects the enormously hard work of the schools themselves and the invaluable support of School Improvement Service.

Question 11 from Councillor Anne-Marie Pearce to Councillor Orhan, Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services and Protection

Will the Cabinet Member update the Council on the progress (or lack of it) of the planned three form entry primary school on the Chase Farm Hospital site?

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

The Council has been in extended negotiations with the Royal Free Trust in relation to the purchase of the 4 acre site on the Chase Farm site. Following confirmation of the sites value discussions are entering their final phase.

Whatever that decision is in relation to the land purchase, the Council is aware of its statutory duty to provide school places and the Council therefore continues to

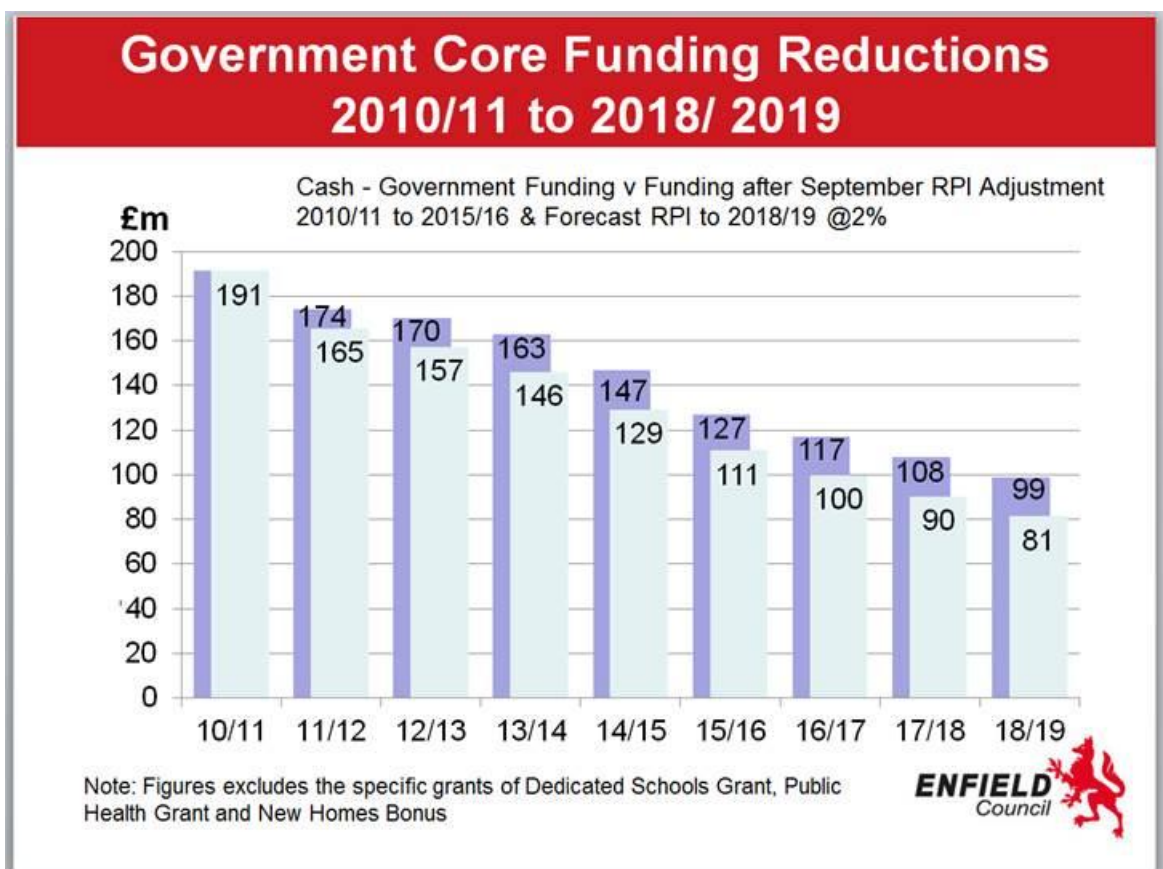
consider a range of further options to provide the necessary places.

Question 12 from Councillor Chibah to Councillor Stafford, Cabinet Member for Finance & Efficiency

Please could the Cabinet Member for Finance & Efficiency tell us how much in real terms the Government required the London Borough of Enfield to cut from its budget since 2010?

Reply from Councillor Stafford, Cabinet Member for Finance & Efficiency

Since 2010 the Government has reduced its support to the Council by £80m in real terms. This is shown on the slide below, along with current projections to 2018/19.



Dark blue = cash government funding
 Lighter blue = funding after September RPI adjustment

Question 13 from Councillor Lavender to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment

On 8 August 2015 the Council permitted the FOUND organisation to hold an event at Trent Park, as a consequence of this numerous substantiated complaints were made.

- Drug use was observed from those going to the event, although it is believed that no arrests were made by the Police Officers present. Will Councillor Anderson, through his officers determine, whether this was the case and if so, why no arrests were made? Does he agree that it is acceptable as a matter of principle that drug use should be able to occur in residential areas but there should be no arrests?
- A significant number of nitrous oxide canisters were discarded in and around the park. It is acknowledged that it is a legal substance so the Council and the Police have limited powers to address it. However consideration could be given to the introduction of a Public Spaces Protection Order to control the use of legal highs such as nitrous oxide within the borough's parks. Will Councillor Anderson undertake to give this consideration and if so, within what timescale?
- Participants were urinating in public (mainly along the Cockfosters Road). What steps will Councillor Anderson take to ensure that the number of marshals be increased for both the ingress and egress from the event to get people safely from the station to the park with minimal disruption to the surrounding area and to stipulate the use of Police Officers as part of this presence?
- The FOUND organisers had bought in a police presence (6 officers and dogs) but it is understood that these officers mainly remained within the park and this was inadequate. Will Councillor Anderson undertake that going forward the number of police officers that attend these large scale events will be stipulated and the locations that they are to be positioned, defined?
- The FOUND organisers did not deliver some of the pre-agreed traffic management arrangements as a consequence of which local residents experienced significant disruption. Officers have confirmed they are now looking into working with an industry leading traffic management company for any large scale events in Trent Park which has delivered successful traffic management during other events. Will Councillor Anderson ensure that such arrangements are put into effect prior to the next event?
- The plans that the event organisers had put in place to manage the litter were not delivered sufficiently with the result that Council officers on site arranged for additional Council resources to address the issue. Officers state that the event organisers will be expected to bear the cost of the additional litter picking that was necessary. Have the event organisers been charged and was a bond put in place? Officers have also confirmed that litter management may be one of the things that the Council takes responsibility for in future to prevent a similar situation at future events and recharges the organiser. Will Councillor Anderson ensure that such arrangements are put into effect by means of a bond?

I am aware that Council officers have stated that the above matters require consideration; my question is therefore directed at the cabinet Member to request that he takes responsibility for ensuring that these actions are put into effect.

Reply from Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment

Yes, I will review the recommendations from officers to ensure the matters are addressed going forward.

Question 14 from Councillor During to Councillor Brett, Cabinet Member for Community Organisations & Culture

Enfield's CCTV station has been the recipient of a recent award. Could the Cabinet Member for Community Organisations & Culture please share this information and any recent successes in deterring crime as a consequence?

Reply from Councillor Brett, Cabinet Member for Community Organisations & Culture

The Enfield Public Safety Centre (EPSC) has been recognised by the Metropolitan Police Service this year by receiving 7 commendations at its first ever CCTV awards ceremony at Scotland Yard, and recently audited to the highest industry standards for alarms and CCTV operations. exceeding other CCTV centres in London

We have increased the number of street and estate cameras to 332 and now monitor more incidents (7,480 in the last five months since April) and assisting the police with more arrests (748 since April) and recovery of property to the value of £174,000 this year than ever before. Our quality of service has been taken up by LB Barnet operating from our centre, and we intend to market our range of services to other boroughs, partner agencies and the private sector.

Question 15 from Councillor Laban to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment

Could the Cabinet Member for Environment explain why our highways contractor has not been able to complete 21 projects within the permit time given and what his department is doing to contract manage better to make sure that in future the contractor delivers?

Reply from Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment

The Council's Highway contractor was appointed through the Mayor of London's LOHAC framework. This is Transport for London (TFL)'s preferred route for contracting these services. Unfortunately, the service provider has failed to deliver a number of projects on time and we are therefore currently reviewing our options moving forward. The Opposition will note that we have already re-tendered our crossover services to save taxpayers hundreds of pounds.

Question 16 from Councillor Jiajge to Councillor A Cazimoglu, Cabinet Member for Health & Social Care

Can the Cabinet Member for Health & Social Care set out the risks facing adult social care and associated impact on the borough in the light of the Chancellor's

recent budget announcement seeking 25% and 40% reductions from the Department of Communities & Local Government?

Reply from Councillor A Cazimoglu, Cabinet Member for Health & Social Care

There is absolutely no doubt that our health and social care system is under increasing pressure. With a growing population and increasing numbers of people needing our help, Adult Social Care currently has a net budget in 2015/16 of £80.8m, delivering net savings over the last four years of 16% or £15.2m. The gross saving is over 20% but the generation of increased income through such things as maximising disability benefit uptake for our service users, has meant more money has been available for the delivery of front line services. The current savings requirement will reduce by 2019 the net budget by a further £19.8m to £61m. This is equivalent to a 25% reduction or a quarter of the entire budget. Whilst priority will be given to maintaining front line service delivery, a saving of this magnitude will result in cuts to the services we deliver for some of the most vulnerable people in our borough. We will of course continue to ensure that we achieve good value for money in the services which we buy, to manage risk and to work with partners across the Council, community and other statutory partners such as health to deliver services which are more preventative in nature. However, we do need to be absolutely clear that there will very tough times ahead for both Adult Social Care and for the Council. It is for that reason that we need to continue to do all we can to press government for a fairer funding settlement for Enfield and to be absolutely clear and transparent about our priorities across this Council.

Question 17 from Councillor Laban to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment

Could the Cabinet Member for Environment confirm that charging for green waste collection will not be introduced in order to pay for the increase in the costs of the co-mingled dry recycling, mixed organic wastes and garden waste contract?

Reply from Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment

Yes.

Question 18 from Councillor Hamilton to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment

The Communities and Local Government Select Committee stated that the Government showed a lack of vigour if not complacency on fly-tipping. At the last Council meeting it was agreed that both groups would jointly write to the Minister. Can the Cabinet Member for Environment update the Council on the Government's response?

Reply from Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment

The Minister, rather than respond directly chose instead to forward the letter to Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA)'s Customer Contact Unit. I attach the very disappointing response, which as you will see lacks any

understanding of the need for action and clearly demonstrates that the Government is complacent on fly tipping. Given the letter was a result of a unanimously agreed Council motion, signed by senior members from both groups, I can't express my level of dissatisfaction highly enough.

DEFRA replied to the joint letter of Councillors Anderson and Laban on the 13th August 2015 thanking the Council for its letter of the 23rd July. Charlotte Wicker, who replied on behalf of the Secretary of State, states that the Government shares the Council's concerns about fly tipping and litter and is considering the introduction of a Fixed Penalty Notice for fly tipping as well as reviewing fixed penalties for littering. An announcement will be made in due course in relation to Fixed Penalty Notices for fly tipping.

The Secretary of State declines to comment about the investment of landfill tax funds as all tax matters are a matter for HM Treasury. However, it is pointed out in the reply that £5m in 2014 and £4.2m in 2015 has been made available to the Environment Agency to tackle general waste crime, although this is not specifically targeted to fly tipping. In general, the Secretary of State supports any initiative that helps landowners clear their land of fly tipping more efficiently. However, DeFRA couldn't understand our request for a 7 day enforcement process on private land.

The full text of the reply is below for Council's information:-

Fly-tipping

Thank you for your letter of 23 July to the Secretary of State about fly-tipping and creating a National Litter Strategy. I have been asked to reply.

We welcome the Communities and Local Government Select Committee's recommendations to the inquiry into litter and fly-tipping, and we are considering them carefully. We will respond to the Inquiry report in due course.

We share your concern about fly-tipping which is a significant blight on local communities, a potential source of pollution and danger to public health and wildlife. It also undermines legitimate waste businesses where unscrupulous operators undercut those that operate within the law and is a drain on local authorities that clear it up. Tackling fly-tipping is a priority for Government and we are taking forward proposals to introduce Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) for fly-tipping as well as reviewing the existing FPNs for littering. FPNs for fly-tipping will provide local authorities with an alternative to prosecution and will help them tackle small-scale localised fly-tipping. We will be making further announcements about FPNs for fly-tipping in due course following our assessment of the responses to the recent call for evidence on waste crime.

You asked about reinvestment of landfill tax receipts. Tax is a matter for HM Treasury. You will be interested to know that the Government provided £5m in the Budget 2014, and an additional £4.2m in the March Budget 2015, from the Landfill Communities Fund (which is funded through landfill tax) to help the Environment

Agency tackle waste crime and poor performance in a part of the waste industry. This funding is not targeted at fly-tipping though a significant proportion of this is being used to support speedier and tougher enforcement. As a result of this a number of cases are being taken forward for enforcement action.

We are unclear about your reference to a 7 day enforcement process for dealing with waste on private land. We are aware that in some cases landowners are the victims of fly-tipping and have to bear the cost of clearance. In other cases landowners take little or no action to remove fly-tipped waste. We support any mechanism to make it easier for landowners to do the right thing with waste fly-tipped on their land.

While it does not speed up the process for clearing waste on private land, the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 (Fines on Summary Conviction) Regulations 2015 came into force on 12 March. These Regulations removed the £50,000 limit for fines meaning the fine for a breach of a notice issued under Section 59 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 is now unlimited. This increase should act as an incentive and encourage landowners to remove my waste that is illegally deposited on their land.

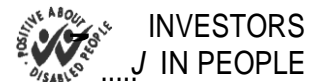
Additionally we have worked with the Sentencing Council on its new guideline to the courts on sentencing for environmental offences. The guideline, which came into force last year, should result in larger fines and community orders for serious offenders, thereby helping deter illegal dumping.

Thank you for raising your concerns on this important issue.

Yours sincerely,



Charlotte Wicker
Defra - Customer Contact Unit



Question 19 from Councillor Laban to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment

Does the Cabinet Member for Environment not agree that the North London Waste Authority's (NLWA) failure to rearrange its September meeting in order to allow those Councillors who serve on the authority to observe religious holidays shows an organisation that fails to understand the diversity of its 7 Member local authorities?

Reply from Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment

The Authority meeting in September is set towards the end of the month, with the timing being set to allow for submission of the previous year's accounts by 30 September (a statutory deadline), with the accounts being finalised during September after (a) the external audit (which takes place in August) and (b) Member Finance Working Group (in early September). Over the last few years the meeting has taken place on dates between 22 and 29 September (the 29th, in particular, is extremely late, leaving little time to make amendments if necessary after any Member decision). Constraints on the date include political party conferences as well as Jewish holidays.

This year, the date was fixed to meet those requirements, and also the Chair's availability. Note was taken of Jewish holidays at that time. Yom Kippur is the evening of the 22nd and the day of 23 September. There is a further Jewish holiday (Sukkot) that begins on the evening of the 27 September culminating on the 4 October.

The proposed date did not therefore fall on a holiday date. At the June meeting, Members asked if the date could be reviewed, as there would be difficulty in attending for anyone who wanted to go to Israel for the period of the holidays. An alternative of 22 September was proposed and canvassed. Based on the responses received during the canvass of alternative dates, moving to the 22nd would have meant that Members from at least two other authorities would not have been able to attend – representation from the seven boroughs at the alternative date would have therefore been less than the 25th if the meeting was moved. The 25th was therefore confirmed, being the most appropriate date. I will be attending the meeting on the 25th.

Question 20 from Councillor Jemal to Councillor Taylor, Leader of the Council

The change in pension tax relief will bring in about £4bn of extra tax between 2016 and 2021. Enfield residents who are high earners will obviously lose out through this new change. Can the Leader of the Council comment on the impact on Enfield residents.

Reply from Councillor Taylor, Leader of the Council

The impact of this change in tax relief is as you say. Whatever the merits of the proposal I agree with the last Pensions Minister who said, "The Government will

create ludicrous complexity”.

Question 21 from Councillor Laban to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment

At the 2014 local elections, the Labour Party in Enfield made a manifesto commitment to provide an additional Household Waste and Recycling Centre but yet to date no information has been published on the timescale for delivery. Would the Cabinet Member for Environment inform the chamber what the estimated opening date is for this new facility?

Reply from Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment

Yes, we did make a commitment because the previous Conservative administration closure of the Carterhatch site was a disastrous decision and a snub to the East of the Borough.

Clearly Councillor Laban has forgotten that the provision of a Resource Recovery Facility (HWRC) was directly referenced within the recent NLWA phase II public consultation proposals for its heat and power project. For members of the opposition who haven't read this document, which is clearly important to the structure of Edmonton, details can be found at <http://www.northlondonheatandpower.london/consultation>

Question 22 from Councillor Pite to Councillor Taylor, Leader of the Council

Is the Leader concerned about the apparent lane closures on the M25 which impact on Enfield's road system?

Reply from Councillor Taylor, the Leader of the Council

I too am concerned about the frequency of the lane closures on the M25 and have asked officers to make enquiries with Connect Plus, who manage the M25 on behalf of Highways England.

All planned closures are undertaken between 2200 and 0530 hours to minimise disruption. There is no doubt however, that those incidents which occur on the section of the M25 near Enfield and which result in traffic delays on the motorway do have a knock on effect and increased disruption on Enfield's local road network. This is very difficult to manage however, and generally can only be alleviated through temporary traffic signal timing changes in response to the live traffic circumstances.

Question 23 from Councillor Laban to Councillor Oyken, Cabinet Member for Housing and Housing Regeneration

Does the Cabinet Member for Housing and Housing Regeneration not agree that the proposed introduction of parking permits in selected estates only adds bureaucracy and increases costs to the Council housing department and fails to deal with the fundamental issue of kerb crawling and prostitution which is the rationale for this policy?

Reply from Councillor Oyken, Cabinet Member for Housing and Housing Regeneration

Following an increase in the number of complaints from residents and concerns made apparent in the most recent tenant survey, the Council is conducting a review of parking on its housing estates. No final decision has been reached as to whether parking control will be implemented and any decision to go ahead will be based on solutions that are low cost and effective for residents and self-financing for Council housing. It is not envisaged that parking control will be required borough-wide and it is more likely that specific hotspots with particular issues will be identified.

It is incorrect to say that the Council sees parking control as a solution to drug dealing and prostitution on a few of its estates as powers exist to tackle such crimes under the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act. Rather its concern is the blocking of emergency access routes on its estates caused by inconsiderate parking and the inconvenience that residents suffer as a result of visitors from outside their area parking on their estate.

Question 24 from Councillor Stewart to Councillor Taylor, the Leader of the Council

Opponents of landlord licensing often cited the cost for landlords - £500 for 5 years – and suggested this would be passed on to tenants. In the July 2015 budget the Chancellor changed the policy for buy to let. Can the Leader of the Council say how much will this cost landlords across the borough?

Reply from Councillor Taylor, Leader of the Council

A landlord with a property worth £300,000 and rental income of £15,000 a year will be as much as £2,500 worse off. (Sunday Times 12/7/15 quoting Knight Frank). That amounts to £12,500 over 5 years. In comparison with the proposed cost of landlord licensing this is a phenomenal loss of profit for a landlord. Presumably Conservative Members opposite have condemned the Chancellor for this new stealth tax – or perhaps they have ignored it.

Question 25 from Councillor Laban to Councillor Brett, Cabinet Community Organisations and Culture

Does the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Community Safety not agree that the Council Housing Department's proposed policy of introducing parking permits in selected estates to stop kerb crawlers only deals with parking problems and completely ignores the fundamental problem of prostitution occurring on our estates?

Reply from Councillor Brett, Cabinet Community Organisations and Culture

Following an increase in the number of complaints from residents and concerns made apparent in the most recent tenant survey, the Council is conducting a review of parking on its housing estates. This is linked with a wider piece of work targeting identified areas where there are high levels of reported or identified anti-social behaviour. (No final decision has been reached as to whether parking control will be

implemented and any decision to go ahead will be based on solutions that are low cost and effective for residents and self-financing for Council housing. It is not envisaged that parking control will be required borough-wide and it is more likely that specific hotspots with particular issues will be identified.)

It is incorrect to say that the Council sees parking control as a single solution to drug dealing and prostitution on a few of its estates as other powers exist to tackle such crimes under the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act. A more direct concern is the blocking of emergency access routes on its estates caused by inconsiderate parking and the inconvenience that residents suffer as a result of visitors from outside their area parking on their estate. It is however true that we have received reports of certain vehicles being used by prostitutes. These reports have come to light as a result of the targeted piece of work to tackle various types of crime and anti-social behaviour on certain estates, delivered in partnership with the police. In addition to prostitution we are aware that on occasion unregistered vehicles are used to store drugs and weapons, allowing easy access by criminals.

Question 26 from Councillor Hasan to Councillor Keazor, Cabinet Member for Public Health and Sport

Can the Cabinet Member for Public Health and Sport update Council colleagues on the popularity of Enfield's leisure centres, run by our partners, Fusion?

Reply from Councillor Keazor, Cabinet Member for Public Health and Sport

The Council and Fusion are working well together with numbers of participants rising. Over the three years from 2012/13 to 2014/15, attendances increased by 6%. In numbers, this is a rise from 1,756,640 in 2012/13 to 1,860,493 in 2014/15. As a comparison, in Quarter 1 of 2014/15 we had 466,008 participants and in Quarter 1 of 2015/16 we had 479,983. In other words, the first quarter attendances this year have increased by 3% in comparison with last year.

Question 27 from Councillor Laban to Councillor Brett, Cabinet Member for Community Organisations and Culture

Does the Cabinet Member with responsibility for community safety agree that working with the Metropolitan Police to combat prostitution on those estates affected is a better use of resource than the Council Housing Department's proposed parking permit scheme which would fail to deal with the bigger issue of prostitution and incur extra costs for the administration and enforcement of the scheme?

Reply from Councillor Brett, Cabinet Member for Community Organisations and Culture

Please refer to my previous response to Question 25.

Question 28 from Councillor Maguire to Councillor Sitkin, Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Business Development

Would the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration update the Council on

recent improvements in our methods of consulting with town centre retailers?

Reply from Councillor Sitkin, Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Business Development

We are about to launch the new Town Teams scheme in which the Council is putting together a new way of managing our town centres based on direct dialogue with businesses and retailers instead of working via a third party. This seems to be well received from the business world who are happy with our more direct approach leading to concrete outcomes.

At the same time we are also about to go live with our new web portal for the business world which will demonstrate a clearer line of engagement between businesses and the Council while providing a single clear route of entry for business communication.

Question 29 from Councillor Neville to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment

Would he give the Council a breakdown of the £1.98million spent so far on the preparation for the Cycle Enfield proposals and the consultation process?

Reply from Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment

The breakdown is as follows:

Description	Expenditure to July 2015 £000s
Main road cycle routes	966
Quietway and Greenways	804
Quieter Neighbourhoods	205
Hubs	0
Severance sites	0
Supportive measures	5
Total	£1,980

The bulk of these costs has been for survey and design work.

Question 30 from Councillor Simon to Councillor A Cazimoglu, Cabinet Member for Health & Social Care

Can the Cabinet Member for Health & Social Care update Council on our important work to safeguarding adults?

Reply from Councillor A Cazimoglu, Cabinet Member for Health & Social Care

- The London Borough of Enfield achieved Gold Standard in Making Safeguarding Personal. The overarching intention of MSP is to facilitate person-centred, outcome-focused responses to adult safeguarding situations.
- We are one of the first London Boroughs to have set up an adult Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH). The MASH is a range of professionals who receive alerts or concerns and through sharing information appropriately and including this wishes of the person being harmed, can make judgements on the most appropriate route to process the referral.
- Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2014-2015 has been published. Presented to Health and Wellbeing Board in July 2015 and going to Cabinet Oct 2015
- Launch on 30th September 2015 at Forty Hall of the Safeguarding Adults Board Strategy 2015-2018, new London wide Safeguarding Adults Policy and Procedures and the MASH
- Strengthened links with the Enfield Police and Safeguarding through fortnightly meetings to enable case progression; this has helped to facilitate two cases awaiting trial
- The Quality Checkers, who are service users and carers, continue to drive up quality in the services they visit. The quality checker program is working with Bournemouth University to develop a dignity focused social care app.
- Response to domestic abuse strengthened through training set up integrating safeguarding adults in cases of domestic abuse.
- Awareness raising with the Safeguarding Children's Board during Keep Safe Week Sept 28th to October 2nd 2015
- Supporting the completion of statutory 'Safeguarding Adults Reviews' as defined by the Care Act, when a person dies or is seriously injured and neglect or abuse may have been a contributory factor.
- The Safeguarding Adults Strategy 2015-2018 and its action plan sets out the activities planned.

Question 31 from Councillor Neville to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment

Could he tell the Council how many responses there have been to the several consultation exercises in respect of the proposed Cycle Enfield arrangements?

Reply from Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment

The first round of public exhibitions held at Palmers Green, Enfield Town, Edmonton Green and Freezywater were attended by approximately 620 residents and the second exhibition at Palmers Green was attended by 440 residents.

The current consultation on A105 closes on the 9th October 2015.

Question 32 from Councillor Dogan to Councillor Sitkin, Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Business Development

Would the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration update the Council on how his Department's management of our relationship with stakeholders like Palace

Exchange, the Charitable Trust and local commercial agents is generating new dynamism in Enfield Town?

Reply from Councillor Sitkin, Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Business Development

Because we are talking directly to our businesses, we are earning a very high level of trust. This engagement is translating concretely into new investment to Enfield. Restaurants and hotels are opening in our town centres; major business partners are either expanding or setting up in Enfield, making us the prime choice in their business plans rather than a default location. Local agents now have regular dialogue with us and we work to resolve any and all issues including planning consent while identifying opportunities to improve the full range of business opportunities. A recent example is the decision taken at our behest by our friends at the Charitable Trust to launch a new Enfield market featuring more stalls selling more products while staying open later. This follows on the success of the French and Italian markets we have engineered. With this dynamic Labour Administration, Enfield is truly open for business.

Question 33 from Councillor Neville to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment

Councillor Anderson will know that I have forwarded to him a number of critiques from residents with expertise in these matters, of the consultation on the A105 cycling proposals. In the light of the cost to the Council thus far on the consultation process, is he satisfied that the consultations as set out, represents good value for money?

Reply from Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment

Yes, the consultation is longer and more extensive than usual to capture a wide range of views and produce the best possible design.

Question 34 from Councillor Bond to Councillor Orhan, Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services & Protection

Would the Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services & Protection update the Council on the potential impact on this Council of the Governments focus on bringing forward legislation to transform all 'failing' schools into academies?

Reply from Councillor Orhan, Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services & Protection

The government defines any school which falls into the Ofsted categories of Special Measures or Notice to Improve as 'failing' schools, which will be immediately referred to the Schools Commissioner for conversion into a sponsored academy. Enfield currently has no school so designated.

As you are aware there is no such legislation which seeks to transfer 'failing' academies back to the Local Authority!

The previous Coalition Government introduced the School Funding Reforms with the aim of implementing a national formula to fund schools. The current Government have continued with this policy.

The effect of the School Funding Reforms has been to provide funding on a flat cash basis, so no increases for schools for:

- pay awards,
- increased employers contribution for National Insurance and Pensions;

Local authorities are still responsible for developing the arrangements for allocating the schools, with the Council managing, in consultation with the Schools Forum, funding from the Dedicated Schools Grant to be provided to schools, academies and free schools in their areas. However, there is very little local flexibility on how funding is allocated to individual schools because the reforms have limited the factors used to inform the funding formula and how they are used locally.

The conversion of 'failing' schools to academies will mean the responsibility for some services currently provided by the Council will be transferred to be managed by the Academy Trust for the converting school. This will lead to a reduction in the Education Support Grant of £87 per pupil and the academy will then be responsible for the following services:

- school improvement such as continuous professional development for staff
- monitoring national curriculum assessment
- determination of terms and conditions of service for staff
- early retirement and redundancy costs
- asset management
- producing financial accounts & internal auditing
- education welfare services
- pupil support (e.g. school uniform grants)
- Educational Psychology Service & CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services)
- music services (e.g. instrumental tutors)
- outdoor education including environmental and field studies (not sports)
- therapies and health-related services that aren't funded by the health service
- visual and performing arts

The Council, in discussion with the Schools Forum, will be responsible for any surplus or deficit budgets remaining after the school has converted. If the cost of any deficit cannot be charged to the DSG (Dedicated Schools Grant) then the Council will need to fund this.

Question 35 from Councillor Neville to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment

In connection with Cycle Enfield, why was no economic impact assessment, nor an environmental assessment, conducted prior to the consultation so that the consultation process would be better informed?

Reply from Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment

It isn't possible to do a specific detailed economic assessment until we have completed the consultation exercise and know exactly what it is that we are proposing. To do otherwise would be to put the proverbial cart before the horse. We have a choice - either we have a full consultation exercise to determine what the final scheme will look like to which we then undertake an economic assessment; or we undertake an economic assessment on what we expect the final scheme to look like, which would mean predetermining the outcome of the consultation exercise. It is a similar issue with an environmental impact assessment. Plans are in place for both in the appropriate timeframe.

Question 36 from Councillor Uzoanya to Councillor Brett, Cabinet Member for Community Organisations & Culture

We understand the Cabinet Member for Community Organisations & Culture organised a Poetry and Art Competition to mark Magna Carta and that the profile of poetry is being raised generally throughout the borough. Could the Cabinet Member for Community Organisations & Culture please tell us how many residents put in entries?

Reply from Councillor Brett, Cabinet Member for Community Organisations & Culture

The Magna Carta Poetry competition was a joint initiative between Enfield Council and The Enfield Poets. 35 entries were received from young people aged between 10 – 18 years old which were displayed at The Dugdale Centre and Forty Hall over the first two weeks of September. The first prize was awarded to Loryce Dosunmu-Irawo, a student at St Anne's School. The Enfield Poets adult competition closes on December 1st and will be awarded at The Dugdale Centre on February 6th 2016. The guest judge is the award winning poet Anne-Marie Fyfe.

Question 37 from Councillor Neville to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment

Can Councillor Anderson please tell the Council, in addition to the on line consultation on Cycle Enfield, how is he addressing those residents who do not have access to on line facilities, in order to facilitate their participation in the consultations?

Reply from Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment

For those people who do not have access to a computer we have produced hard copies of the questionnaire and scheme drawings. These are available for collection from the Civic Centre and for sending out to individual addresses. To request hard copies, residents should phone 020 8379 3573/3634. Copies of the consultation documents are provided in accessible formats such as large print, Braille and audio for anyone who needs them. Completed questionnaires should be returned to Enfield Council, Civic Centre, Silver Street, Enfield, EN1 3XA using the postage paid envelopes provided. In addition, hard copies of the questionnaire and plans can be

found at local libraries.

Officers are also attending various events to promote the consultation and this includes making hard copies available. So far officers have attended the Palmers Green Festival and the Enfield Town Show and various meetings with interested bodies and organisations such as Ruth Winston House. We will also be writing again to residents and businesses along the A105 corridor to remind them of the consultation and this will include hard copy questionnaires. Adverts will also be placed in the local press and notices will be erected all along the route to again provide details of the consultation. Large scale plans of the proposals are also available for viewing at the Civic Centre.

Question 38 from Councillor Jemal to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment

Can the Cabinet Member for Environment give an update on the Cycle Enfield programme?

Reply from Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment

A105

On 16 July 2015, the Council held a business event at the Fox Public House, Palmers Green to enable owners and managers of local businesses to come and find out about the Cycle Enfield proposals for the A105. This was followed by a two day public exhibition. Both events were well attended. This exhibition marked the start of a 12-week consultation which closes on 9th October 2015.

Cycle Enfield had a presence at the Palmers Green Festival, where local residents could find out about the proposals for the A105 and supportive measures e.g. cycle training, £10 bike loan scheme etc. This attracted large numbers of residents, including some who were initially sceptical, but after seeing some mock-up designs of how the scheme could look like and discussing their concerns directly on a one-to-one with officers, left feeling quite positive as to what was being proposed. A number subsequently made positive comments about the scheme on social media.

On Monday 30 November 2015 we will be holding a Partnership Board meeting for Enfield West. The board will consider the feedback from the public consultation and make a recommendation on the way forward.

On 14 December 2015, the Project Board is due to meet to meet for the first time to consider a recommendation from the Partnership Board for Enfield West. This date is provisional at the moment and will be confirmed after discussion with the Leader's office.

A1010, Hertford Road, South

On the 7 October 2015, we will be holding a Partnership Board meeting for Enfield South East. This will enable members of the board to discuss the consultation drawings for the A1010, Hertford Road South.

A1010, Hertford Road North

Surveys for the A1010, Hertford Road North were undertaken before the school summer holidays. Preliminary design and modelling for this scheme is currently underway.

Enfield Town and Southbury Road

The Enfield Town and Southbury Road schemes have recently been subject to a Transport for London (TfL) Sponsor Review.

We will be holding a business event at the Dugdale Centre, London Road, Enfield on Thursday 24th September 15 to enable business owners and managers to find out about the Cycle Enfield proposals for Enfield Town and Southbury Road. This exhibition will be open to the public on Friday 25th September 15, between 3pm and 8pm, and Saturday 26th September 15 between 10am and 4pm. A 12-week public consultation will then follow.

Question 39 from Councillor Neville to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment

Given that the Council is actively consulting on three Cycle Enfield schemes and has a collective budget of £42million available for these schemes, can he give the Council a breakdown of how it is proposed to spend this money?

Reply from Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment

Below is a breakdown of the Cycle Enfield budget. This can also be found in the original bid document that was agreed by your Group.

Activity	Estimated Cost £M
Greenways and Quietways	8.764
A105, Green Lanes	6.380
Enfield Town	4.402
A110, Southbury Road	3.171
A1010, Hertford Road (South)	4.083
A1010, Hertford Road (North)	4.521
Severance sites	0.976
Quieter neighbourhoods	2.501
Cycle Hubs	5.042
Supporting measures	2.527
Total	42.367

Question 40 from Councillor Doyle to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment

Can the Cabinet Member for Environment please make enquiries as to how frequently our local rail operators check the sound system in rolling stock to ensure passengers get information drivers intend to impart?

Reply from Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment

We have referred your question to Transport for London.

Question 43 from Councillor Neville to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment

In connection with Cycle Enfield

- a) Can Councillor Anderson please list all of the dedicated cycling facilities that are available in the borough?
- b) What attempts were made and when to survey these facilities so as to ascertain their use and with what results?
- c) How many additional cyclists is he expecting to use the proposed facilities if they are implemented?

Please give a breakdown for each of the routes.

Reply from Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment

The spreadsheet, attached as Appendix 1, is a register of all the cycling facilities within the borough. Some are off-road paths, some cycle lanes within the carriageway. Some are recently constructed facilities, some are historical or are paths that have recently been upgraded or re-designated for cycling. Some are borough-managed facilities. Others fall within Transport for London's road network, or are tow paths managed by the Canal and Rivers Trust. Together, they amount to over 57km of cycle route. Greenways and other off-road paths constructed since the inception of the greenways programme in 2010 account for 10.7km of this total. The local cycle network also incorporates many quieter roads along which cyclists are directed by signs but where no overt facilities for cyclists are deemed necessary. Such roads are not included within the register.

Attempting to quantify cycle usage at a detailed local level across the entire 57km network would clearly be a hugely difficult and expensive task. Data produced by TfL's most recent surveys that make up the London Travel Demand Survey suggest that cycling in Enfield accounts for 0.7% of trips. For context, the average across London as a whole is approximately 2%, although in more central areas where congestion is higher and car-ownership lower this figure rises considerably. The Mayor's aspiration under programmes such as Mini Holland in outer London and the Cycle Superhighways etc. nearer the centre is to increase this usage to 5%. TfL has calculated that achieving this modal shift would equate to a capital wide saving of £621m every year in time savings due to: reduced congestion; cheaper travel costs of cycles compared to other means; and public health benefits due to more physical activity. The public health cost saving relating to improved air quality was not included in those calculations, being particularly hard to quantify, but is thought to be significant.

Locally, spot counts were undertaken in summer 2014 at 46 sites across the borough where significant numbers of cyclists were expected either currently or in future years upon the extension of the cycle network. These measured the number of cyclists found during the peak three-hour morning period between 7am and 10am during a weekday in early summer when the weather was dry. They do not provide sufficient information to attempt to estimate the percentage of all trips undertaken by cycle, but are intended to be repeated year-by-year to serve, when taken as a whole, as a rough indicator of cycling levels and to show how usage is changing at particular sites over time. Similar counts for summer 2015 have been undertaken, but the results not yet analysed. It should be borne in mind that some of the locations where counts were taken are popular leisure facilities at weekends for cyclists, but do not attract many commuter journeys. The survey exercise also revealed that high numbers of cyclists can be found at certain junctions even where there are currently no cycling facilities. Examples include the junction of Parsonage Lane and Baker Street where 294 cyclists were counted in the 3-hour period highlighted above, and Green Lanes at Aldermans Hill where there were 172.

Key sections along the three main corridors to be tackled under Cycle Enfield - the A105 Green Lanes, A110 Southbury Road and the A1010 Hertford Road - do not currently have any cycle facilities and are therefore not present within the register provided. Officers are coordinating with their counterparts at TfL to arrange more extensive counts using automated technology at key sites along these roads to produce robust before and after data with a view to measuring the effect of the new facilities. The Council's aspiration remains the one stated within the Mini Holland bid, which is to increase local cycling levels significantly across the borough in the coming years, aiming towards 5% of all trips.

Question 42 from Councillor McGowan to Councillor Taylor, Leader of the Council

In the July 2015 budget the Chancellor announced the annual 10% 'wear and tear' allowance for landlords will be scrapped where landlords will be able to offset against tax what they actually spend on maintenance. Can the Leader of the Council confirm whether he feels this will improve the conditions of some very poorly maintained properties and how this is likely to impact upon the borough?

Reply from Councillor Taylor, Leader of the Council

The existing 'wear and tear allowance', which is a tax benefit enjoyed by landlords, whether or not they replace furnishings in their property, will be replaced.

In its place will be a new system that only allows them to get tax relief when they actually do replace furnishings.

With the rapid growth of the private rented sector in Enfield over the past 10 years, and the issues regarding condition and management of these properties which regularly present at Members surgeries, the tax changes may result in a number of actions taken by local landlords, as they attempt to maintain their investment yield.

These risks include rent rises, a drop in the maintenance and repair of the actual fabric of these properties, and a drop in the condition of furniture and white goods often supplied by landlords.

We already know that there is a cohort of landlords who do not maintain or manage their properties effectively, so I have a concern that there may be an increase in this type of behaviour. Additionally as landlords make decisions to de-risk the finances regarding their rental portfolios, they may evict more private tenants so that they can take advantage of guaranteed rent schemes.

There is a real risk that combined with welfare reforms, homelessness pressures will increase and property conditions deteriorate. I will ask officers to continue to monitor the situation.

Question 43 from Councillor Neville to Councillor Taylor, Leader of the Council

Is the Leader satisfied that the present arrangements for ensuring that **ALL** Members of the Council have proper access to Part 2 papers for Cabinet, Scrutiny and portfolio decisions and will he list for the record any restrictions on such access?

Reply from Councillor Taylor, Leader of the Council

The detailed arrangements relating to Members access to Council, Cabinet and Scrutiny reports are set out within the Chapter 4.6 (Access to Information Rules of Procedure) & Chapter 5.5 (Protocol for Member/Officer Relations) of the Council's Constitution.

The Member/Officer protocol recognises that Members in law have a legal right to inspect any Council document that contains information relating to the business to be transacted at a formal Council body, which applies irrespective of whether the Councillor is a Member of that body. It is, however, important to note that this right does not automatically apply to Part 2 papers as according to the law the Member asking for the information is expected to justify the request in specific terms and demonstrate a "need to know" in order to perform their duties as a Councillor, which is not outweighed by any public interest requiring non-disclosure. Members do not have a right to a "roving commission" to examine documents, which applies whether Part 1 or Part 2.

In Enfield we operate a clear procedure in that the general practice is to make Part 2 reports available to all Members.

In relation to Cabinet or Portfolio decisions there is a requirement for reports containing exempt or confidential information to be made available after the meeting or decision has been taken. In practice all Members have access to Part 2 reports published for Council and Cabinet in advance of the meeting (unless classified as Super Part 2) and copies of Part 2 Portfolio decision reports are provided for access via each Group Office on the day the decision is published.

Scrutiny Members also have a right to access documents relating to business carried out a private meeting of the Council. Cabinet or in relation to any Portfolio or

Executive officer decision, however where this contains a Part 2 element they will need to demonstrate that the document is relevant to any action or decision that the Member is scrutinising or a review contained in their scrutiny work programme. If it is decided that a scrutiny Member is not entitled to the information requested than a written statement confirming the reasons must be provided to Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

The main exception to these rules relate to Super Part 2 reports. The definition of a Super Part 2 report and restrictions on their access are set out in section 10 of the Protocol for Member/Officer Relations. These are reports containing exempt or confidential information where further restrictions are applied on their circulation on the basis that the Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer feel such disclosure of the information may be seriously detrimental to the Council's interest, its employees or former employees or that of a third party. This classification is only be used in exceptional circumstances and where agreed circulation of these reports will be restricted (at the meeting in question) to Cabinet Members, statutory officers, relevant Directors plus any other Members in attendance. Once that item has been dealt with the reports will be collected back.

The procedure for dealing with Super Part 2 reports requires that all Members of Cabinet as well as the Leader of the Opposition Group (or nominated representative) are be briefed on the issue prior to its consideration along, where the issue has a specific impact on their area, with fellow ward Councillors. The procedure also recognises the rights given to Members of Scrutiny with Members being able to request access, but only where clear reasons are provided and the issue is relevant to a subject under review or include on their work programme. In these cases the Member would be expected to respect the exempt and confidential element of the report and if necessary sign a confidentiality agreement. Where the decision on a Super Part 2 report is subject to call-in, the procedure requires that the Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Committee is briefed on the content of the Super Part 2 report in advance of the call-in meeting and a copy of the report is tabled for all Members present at the call-in meeting, which will again be collected back once that item has been dealt with.

Once a Part 2 paper has been issued councillors are expected to respect the confidentiality of the information and in some circumstances Members may be required to sign a confidentiality agreement before that information is provided or arrangements made for them to be able to inspect rather than receive copies of documents. The Protocol also states that Councillors should not seek to obtain information where they have a disclosable pecuniary, personal or other pecuniary interest in the matter

On the basis of the procedures set out above and practice already operated within Enfield I can confirm that I am satisfied with the present arrangements.

Question 44 from Councillor During to the Councillor Sitkin, Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Business Development

The Enfield Advertiser recently wrote that our Council has been outperforming other authorities in London and nationwide in terms of jobs performance. This comes after

years of a local Tory administration, when Enfield underperformed. To what does the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration attribute this turnaround?

Reply from Councillor Sitkin, Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Business Development

Enfield's GVA (Gross Value Added) had deteriorated over the decades before 2010 to become one of the lowest in London. This Labour Administration is visibly and quantifiably turning things around. There is no magic wand other than our willingness to have a dialogue with the business community where they are able to work with us directly to improve Enfield's business environment. Grant Thornton have recently provided a report to the Council showing that Enfield has now become one of London's most dynamic employment zones, with the statistical improvements here outpacing all our Outer London comparator boroughs. But we will never be complacent and will continue fighting to make things better for the people of Enfield.

Question 45 from Councillor Neville to Councillor Taylor, Leader of the Council

With a view to maximising efficiency savings will he undertake to instruct officers to review the preparation and content of all formal decision papers so that, as a general rule, no paper should take more than 5 sides of A4, and should avoid jargon, acronyms and especially duplication?

Reply from Councillor Taylor, Leader of the Council

A comprehensive guidance note (produced by Democratic Services) is already available for officers preparing formal decision papers and this is subject to regular review and update, as requirements change.

The guidance note summarises the main principles, standards and procedures to be followed when producing formal reports and also provides a standard report format. Guidance includes the need for reports to be written in plain English and to avoid the use of unnecessary jargon and abbreviations (unless they are spelt out in full at the start of the report). Officers are already asked to ensure that reports are as focused and concise as possible.

As Councillor Neville knows, there is already within Council reports an Executive Summary, which sets out the key points of the report. This part of the report is designed to meet the point behind Councillor Neville's question – ie that readers can see all the key points in a concise and focused form. Subsequent detail is then included in reports, with supporting appendices where decisions are particularly complex (eg major investment decisions). I am content with structuring Council reports in this way, and, where reports on occasion do not meet the high requirements set by the Council, I have asked officers to ensure draft reports are reviewed and redrafted so that these standards are met.

Question 46 from Councillor Hurman to Councillor Sitkin, Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Business Development

Could the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Business Development

please comment on the Federation of Small Businesses recent warning that the Government's new policy facilitating the conversion of commercial to residential property will have a detrimental effect on our economy both generally and in relation to the borough as a whole?

Reply from Councillor Sitkin, Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Business Development

It is a concern that there is considerable pressure on commercial property to be converted to residential as a result of higher demand and valuations. We will continue to work on this matter and do what we can to optimise the balance between working and living spaces.

Question 47 from Councillor Hamilton to Councillor Orhan, Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services & Protection

Would the Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services & Protection join me in wishing the success of the Enfield Youth Parliament in its forthcoming elections?

Reply from Councillor Orhan, Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services & Protection

I would indeed and I thank the Councillor for highlighting the work the Council engages in with our local schools to help educate our younger residents in the benefits of active participation in the democratic process by supporting these elections.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank those outgoing Youth Parliament representatives who have contributed with such distinction to supporting many aspects of Council and wider Enfield life over the past two years. I am sure I speak for all Members when wishing them the very best for the future and hoping they will continue to contribute positively to life in the borough for many years to come. We have an excellent tradition of youth parliaments in Enfield that also have a voice nationally ensuring the experiences of our young people are heard, through their Membership on UK Youth Parliament. The Enfield Youth Parliament provides huge learning opportunities for all involved, from the thousands of young people who engage in democracy by voting in the elections, through to the elected youth parliamentarians who become role models in their schools and communities.

In 2013, the Enfield Youth Parliament election saw over 9,000 votes cast and we hope to increase turnout in the elections to be held this year. I look forward to updating you in due course on how the 2015 elections have taken place and the outcomes delivered.

Question 48 from Councillor Jagge to Councillor Orhan, Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services & Protection

Would the Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services & Protection update this Council on the hard work and progress made by the Enfield Safeguarding Children Board and in joint me in thanking the Board and its partners in the

commitment to strengthening safeguarding and child protection and to promoting early intervention to bring about better outcomes for children living in the Borough.

Reply from Councillor Orhan, Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services & Protection

2014-2015 has been a successful year for the work of the Enfield Safeguarding Children Board (ESCB). Ofsted carried out an inspection in Enfield from 20 January 2015 to 11 February 2015 they judged the work of the Board as good. The Ofsted judgement illustrates and validates that the Enfield Safeguarding Children Board partnership is a strong one.

The Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report which can be found on the ESCB website outlines in detail activity and progress during 2014/15. The Board has followed through on all of the priority areas in the Business Plan 2014-2016 which still has another year to run.

As well as working to an agreed plan the Board has to be flexible in order to respond to pressing local and national safeguarding issues. This year partners have specifically focussed upon Child Sexual Exploitation and other related vulnerabilities such as children missing from school, home and or education, as well as coordinating a local action plan to identify, prevent and eradicate future harm by Female Genital Mutilation.

There is a strong commitment to early intervention and the Board plays a key role, focusing on improving outcomes with the clear aim of reducing harm. This year a fantastic network of young people's Safeguarding Champions have been trained and are directly working with the Board to continue to protect children and young people from harm. The safeguarding champions are the voice of our children and young people informing strategy, priorities and interventions that are designed to safeguard them.

The safeguarding agenda is a tough one with the Board and its partners facing a relentless challenge to protect the children and young people of Enfield from harm. I would like the Council to join me in thanking the Board, partners and front line staff for their commitment and continuous hard work in this field.

Question 49 from Councillor B Charalambous to Councillor Orhan, Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services & Protection

Could the Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services & Protection update this Council on the progress of the refurbishment of Palmers Green Library?

Reply from Councillor Orhan, Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services & Protection

The refurbishment of Palmers Green Library is progressing very well. It is on track to open on 21 September, and will offer a range of services to our customers, in a modern environment. I am delighted that we have been able to preserve for the future this purpose-built library, as well as providing much needed housing both in

the former Southgate Town Hall and in the new accommodation on the site and I hope that all Members join me in complimenting the developer on the very high quality and sympathetic renovation work they have undertaken.

Question 50 from Councillor Fonyonga to Councillor Stafford, Cabinet Member for Finance & Efficiency

In 2010 when elected I believe Chancellor Osborne advised that the country would have a balanced budget by 2016 and that our borrowing would have all but been eliminated. With 2016 fast approaching can the Cabinet Member for Finance & Efficiency confirm that the Chancellor has met his targets and that therefore the savage financial assault on the public sector should be coming to an end, especially given its wider impact on the borough?

Reply from Councillor Stafford, Cabinet Member for Finance & Efficiency

In June 2010, the coalition expected borrowing to fall much more quickly after 2011/12 and the deficit is more than twice as high as was forecast in June 2010. In addition, borrowing in the previous parliament was far greater than expected due to weak economic growth with much of this additional weakness thought to be permanent rather than temporary. The economic problem was also exacerbated by the fact that this weakness led to less than expected tax revenues.

In response to this grim news, the government has now lengthened the period of spending cuts by planning for extra cuts in the last years of the forecast horizons. Clearly the Chancellor has not met his 2010 targets and is continuing his austerity programme for longer than originally planned.

All the Conservative government has to offer is empty rhetoric, broken promises and a future of yet more austerity with savage cuts to the public sector.

Question 51 from Councillor Bakir to Councillor Keazor, Cabinet Member for Public Health and Sport

Can the Cabinet Member for Public Health and Sport update Council colleagues on the latest capital investment programme for the Council's leisure centres?

Reply from Councillor Keazor, Cabinet Member for Public Health and Sport

As Council Members will know, investments were made in the leisure centres during 2011 and 2012 and a further £1.2 million is currently being invested in the leisure centres. The current investment has come from the operating surplus which has been achieved from the partnership between Fusion Lifestyle and the Council who are investing both their share of this surplus back into the facilities to benefit residents and customers. The improvements taking place are at Edmonton Gym and Southbury Gym which are complete and at Southgate Leisure Centres Extension where the studio is being expanded and a new basement training area call "Intencity" is being developed. We anticipate this finishing on 14th September on time and on budget. The aim is to improve quality and increase users at the facilities.

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Register of All Existing Cycle Facilities within Enfield: Either Off Road Paths or On Road Cycle Lanes

ETtoMW Gway = Enfield Town to Meridian Water Quietway
 HWtoEIV Gway = Hadley Wd to Enf Island Village Greenway
 ETtoSgate Gway = Enfield Town to Southgate Greenway

ETtoPE Gway = Enfield Town to Ponders End Greenway
 ETtoBdown Gway = Enfield Town to Brimsdown Greenway
 LCN = London Cycle Network

NCN R1 = Sustrans National Cycle Network Route 1
 NCN R12 = Sustrans National Cycle Network Route 12
 ECR = Existing Cycle Route Pre 2010
 EPDCR = Existing Path Designated Cycle Route

Notes on cycle lanes: Cycle lanes shown in red; junction approach lanes and other lanes less than 50m length are not included

Designation	Section	Associated Route	Length of Path or Lane (m)			Built / Maintained		Summer 2014 Cycle Counts (3hr am peak)
			Introduced Since 2010	Predating 2010	TOTAL	Built	M'nd	
Greeway or Quietway	Hadley Station Link	NCN R12	350	0	350	Sustrans 2014	LBE	Not Surveyed
	The Ridgeway nr Royal Chase Hotel	HWtoEIV Gway / NCN R12	280	0	280	14/15	LBE	37
	Rectory Farm Bridleway	HWtoEIV Gway / NCN R12	0	830	830	14/15	Private	0
	Red House to Stray'd Rd Bridleway	HWtoEIV Gway / NCN R12	390	0	390	14/15	LBE	Not Surveyed
	Hilly Fields Park	HWtoEIV Gway / NCN R12	1200	0	1200	13/14	LBE	8
	Forty Hall Park	HWtoEIV Gway / NCN R12	2500	0	2500	12/13	LBE	46
	Dells Field	HWtoEIV Gway / NCN R12	390	0	390	LBE 2012	LBE	21
	Crematorium Path	HWtoEIV Gway / NCN R12	400	0	400	LBE 2012	LBE	13
	Albany Park Link	HWtoEIV Gway / NCN R12	0	470	470	EPDCR 2012	LBE	24
	Albany Park Leisure Loop	HWtoEIV Gway / NCN R12	1100	0	1100	LBE 2012	LBE	84
	Bradley Road to Mollison Ave	HWtoEIV Gway / NCN R12	0	600	600	EPDCR 2012	LBE	72
	Prince of Wales Field (West)	HWtoEIV Gway / NCN R12	100	0	100	LBE 2012	LBE	92
	Prince of Wales Field (East)	HWtoEIV Gway / NCN R12	0	90	90	EPDCR 2012	LBE	
	Enf Island Village Green Network	Incorp'trd into HWtoEIV Gway	0	1200	1200	ECR	LBE	Not Surveyed
	Bush Hill Park Loop	ETtoPE Gway	1050	0	1050	LBE 2012	LBE	40
	Ponders End Park	ETtoPE Gway	340	0	340	LBE 2012	LBE	Not Surveyed
	Durants Park (West)	ETtoBdown Gway	0	475	475	EPDCR 2012	LBE	15
	Durants Park (East)	ETtoBdown Gway	460	0	460	LBE 2012	LBE	Not Surveyed
	Durants Park (N/S)	Incorp'trd into ETtoBdown Gway	530	0	530	LBE 2012	LBE	Not Surveyed
	Plevna Rd to Montagu Rd	Incorp'trd into ETtoMW Gway	0	740	740	ECR	LBE	10
	Bridge Rd to Plevna Rd (St Modwen)	Incorp'trd into ETtoMW Gway	0	160	160	ECR	Private	18
	Provident Park	Local Link	140	0	140	LBE 2012	LBE	Not Surveyed
	NCN R1 to Lower Hall Lane	Local Link	0	300	300	ECR	LBE	Not Surveyed
	Mossops Creek Park	Permissive Path	0	470	470	ECR	???	26
	Arnos Park (E/W)	Local Link	925	0	925	LBE 2010	LBE	25
	Arnos Park (N/S)	Local Link	0	150	150	EPDCR 2010	LBE	
	The Bourne Link	ETtoSgate Gway	80	0	80	LBE 2012	LBE	14
	Grovelands Park	ETtoSgate Gway	0	1150	1150	EPDCR 2012	LBE	7
	Houndsden Spinney	ETtoSgate Gway	215	0	215	LBE 2012	LBE	Not Surveyed
	Cheyne Walk Open Space (NE)	ETtoSgate Gway	200	0	200	LBE 2012	LBE	Not Surveyed
Sub Total:			10650	6635	17285			
River Towpath	Riverside Path	Sustrans NCN R1	0	7200	7200	Canal & River Trust	CRT	184
Sub Total:			0	7200	7200			
Commuter Route (Borough Road)	A111 C'fosters Rd: Trent Pk - BramleyRd	LCN Cockfosters to Enfield	0	1000	1000	ECR	LBE	38
	A110 BramleyRd: Cat Hill - CotswoldWay	LCN Cockfosters to Enfield	0	2400	2400	ECR	LBE	29
	A110 Slades Hill: BincoteRd - 43 Slades Hill	LCN Cockfosters to Enfield	0	300	300	ECR	LBE	Not Surveyed
	A110 Slades Hill: 35 Slades Hill - Chase Ridings	Eastbound cycle lane	0	180	180	ECR	LBE	Not Surveyed
	A110 Southbury Road: S'bry Stn Bypass	LCN Enfield to W'ham Forest	0	125	125	ECR	LBE	Not Surveyed
	A110 S'bryRd: Kingsway - Swansea Rd	Eastbound cycle lane	0	135	135	ECR	LBE	Not Surveyed
	A110 S'bryRd: Swansea Rd - Kingsway	Westbound cycle lane	0	135	135	ECR	LBE	Not Surveyed
	A110 S'bry Road: (A1010 Jctn Perimeter)	LCN Enfield to W'ham Forest	0	140	140	ECR	LBE	413
	A110 NagsHdRd: A1010 - A1055	Eastbound cycle lane	0	990	990	ECR	LBE	104
	A110 NagsHdRd: A1055 - A1010	Westbound cycle lane	0	990	990	ECR	LBE	115
	A110 LeaValleyRd: A1055 - Wharf Rd	Eastbound cycle lane	0	310	310	ECR	LBE	Not Surveyed
	A110 LeaValleyRd: E of Wharf Rd - A1055	Westbound cycle lane	0	550	550	ECR	LBE	Not Surveyed
	A1055 Mollison Ave: Bullsmoor Ln - Solar Way	LCN A1055	0	1000	1000	ECR	LBE	Not Surveyed
	A1055 Mollison Ave: Ornance Rd - Lea Val Rd	LCN A1055	0	3300	3300	ECR	LBE	87
	A1055 Meridian Way: Lea Val Rd - Leeside Rd	LCN A1055	0	4370	4370	ECR	LBE	67
	Solar Way	Solar Way Estate Network	0	430	430	ECR	LBE	Not Surveyed
	Innova Way	Solar Way Estate Network	0	450	450	ECR	LBE	Not Surveyed
	Electric Avenue / Kinetic Cresc	Solar Way Estate Network	0	470	470	ECR	LBE	Not Surveyed
	Kinetic Cresc - Velocity Way Link	Solar Way Estate Network	0	280	280	ECR	???	Not Surveyed
	Tysoe Ave - Kinetic Cresc Link	Solar Way Estate Network	0	180	180	ECR	LBE	Not Surveyed
	Smeaton Road	Enf Island Village Network	0	320	320	ECR	LBE	Not Surveyed
	Burton Drive	Enf Island Village Network	0	170	170	ECR	LBE	Not Surveyed
	Thornycroft Drive	Enf Island Village Network	0	230	230	ECR	LBE	Not Surveyed
	Walcot Rd to Brancroft Way Link	Millmarsh Estate Network	0	320	320	ECR	LBE	Not Surveyed
	Millmarsh Lane West	Millmarsh Estate Network	0	140	140	ECR	LBE	Not Surveyed
	Millmarsh Lane East	Millmarsh Estate Network	0	390	390	ECR	LBE	Not Surveyed
	Montagu Rd (Rec to Bounces Rd)	Edmonton Cycle Network	0	725	725	ECR	LBE	42
	Montagu Rd (A406 to Conduit Ln)	Edmonton Cycle Network	0	140	140	ECR	LBE	Not Surveyed
	Picketts Lock Lane: Montagu Rd - Bridge	Eastbound cycle lane	0	175	175	ECR	LBE	Not Surveyed
	Picketts Lock Lane: Bridge - Montagu Rd	Westbound cycle lane	0	175	175	ECR	LBE	Not Surveyed
Conduit Lane	Edmonton Cycle Network	0	590	590	ECR	LBE	59	
Sub-Total:			0	21110	21110			
Commuter Route (TfL Rd)	A10 (Junction 25 to Wilbury Way)	TLRN Cycle Network	0	7800	7800	ECR	TfL	317
	A406 (Stn Rd to Conaught Gdns)	TLRN Cycle Network	0	3200	3200	TfL 2012	TfL	38
	A406 (Montagu Rd to Woolmer Rd)	TLRN Cycle Network	0	560	560	ECR	TfL	Not Surveyed
	A406 Stirling Way: Woolmer Rd - W of Cross St	Westbound cycle lane	0	200	200	ECR	TfL	Not Surveyed
	A406 (Meridian Way to Advent Way)	TLRN Cycle Network	0	75	75	ECR	TfL	Not Surveyed
Sub-Total:			0	11835	11835			

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Use of the Council's urgency processes involving a waiver of the call in process, agreed following the last update presented to Council on 25 February 2015.

Council is asked to note the decisions taken and the reasons for urgency.

1. Decision (Waiver of Call in): Housing Quarterly Electricity Contract Renewal

1.1 Reason for Urgency:

The Director of Finance, Resources & Customer Services approved an operational key decision (No: 3473) which was published on Friday 17 July 2015 to agree the Housing Quarterly Electricity Contract Renewal.

Approval of the decision, under the "Waiver of Call-in" urgency procedure (involving the waiving of the five day call-in period) was sought to enable Enfield to buy electricity through a LASER framework, an approved buying agent representing a consortium of local authorities. Being part of the consortium allows the Council to access energy at the best price taking advantage of the bulk buying powers of a larger group.

The waiver used was a standing agreement only applying to decisions for the purchase of energy secured through the LASER consortium framework. Under the framework the Council is required to accept the prices within a specific timescale (not allowing the decision to clear the usual call-in process) in order to take advantage of the rates being offered.

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