

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CABINET  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 8 FEBRUARY 2017**

**COUNCILLORS**

**PRESENT** Doug Taylor (Leader of the Council), Achilleas Georgiou (Deputy Leader), Daniel Anderson (Cabinet Member for Environment), Alev Cazimoglu (Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care), Krystle Fonyonga (Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Public Health), Dino Lemonides (Cabinet Member for Finance and Efficiency), Ayfer Orhan (Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services and Protection), Ahmet Oykener (Cabinet Member for Housing and Housing Regeneration) and Alan Sitkin (Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Business Development)

**Associate Cabinet Members (Non-Executive and Non-Voting):** Bambos Charalambous (Enfield West), George Savva (Enfield South East)

**ABSENT** Yasemin Brett (Cabinet Member for Community, Arts and Culture) and Vicki Pite (Associate Cabinet Member – Enfield North)

**OFFICERS:** Rob Leak (Chief Executive), Ray James (Executive Director of Health, Housing and Adult Social Care), James Rolfe (Executive Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Services), Tony Theodoulou (Executive Director of Children's Services), Asmat Hussain (Assistant Director Legal & Governance Services), Peter George (Assistant Director - Regeneration and Environment), Helen Waring (HRA Governance and Finance Manager), Detlev Munster (Head of Property Programmes), Stephen Fitzgerald (Assistant Director - Finance), Mohammed Lais (Senior Asset Management Surveyor), Andrew Golder (Press and New Media Manager), Robert Winterton (Finance Manager), Lovelace Poku (Regeneration Manager), Jan Rowley (Head of Neighbourhood Regeneration) and Colin Finlayson (Senior Planning Officer) Jacqui Hurst (Secretary)

**Also Attending:** Councillor Derek Levy (Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee), Councillor Katherine Chibah (Chair of School Places Scrutiny Work stream), Councillor Joanne Laban (Deputy Leader of the Opposition Group)

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**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Yasemin Brett (Cabinet Member for Community, Arts and Culture) and Councillor Vicki Pite (Associate Cabinet Member – Enfield North).

## **2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest in respect of any items listed on the agenda.

## **3 URGENT ITEMS**

NOTED, that the reports listed on the agenda had been circulated in accordance with the requirements of the Council's Constitution and the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information and Meetings) (England) Regulations 2012, with the exception of the following reports:

1. Report Nos.194 and 204 – Budget Report 2017/18 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2017/18 to 2020/21 (Minute Nos.6 and 21 below refer)
2. Report No.195 – Housing Revenue Account (HRA) 30 Year Business Plan, Budget 2017/18, Rent Setting and Service Charges (Minute No.7 below refers)
3. Report No.198 – Amendment to Governance Independence and Well Being Enfield Ltd (IWBE) (Council's Trading Company) (Minute No.10 below refers)

These requirements state that agendas and reports should be circulated at least 5 clear working days in advance of meetings.

**AGREED**, that the above reports be considered at this meeting.

## **4 DEPUTATIONS**

NOTED, that no requests for deputations had been received for presentation to this Cabinet meeting.

## **5 ITEMS TO BE REFERRED TO THE COUNCIL**

**AGREED**, that the following reports be referred to full Council:

1. Report Nos. 194 and 204 – Budget Report 2017/18 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2017/18 to 2020/21
2. Report No.195 – Housing Revenue Account (HRA) 30 Year Business Plan, Budget 2017/18, Rent Setting and Service Charges

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**BUDGET 2017/18 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2017/18 TO 2020/21 (GENERAL FUND)**

Councillor Dino Lemonides (Cabinet Member for Finance and Efficiency) introduced the report of the Executive Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Services (No.194) recommending the general revenue budget and council tax for the 2017/18 financial year.

**NOTED**

1. That Report No.204 also referred as detailed in Minute No.21 below.
2. That Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 required any Member who was two months or more in arrears on their Council Tax to declare their position and not to vote on any issue that could affect the calculation of the budget or the Council Tax. Any Member affected by Section 106 who failed to declare this could be subject to prosecution.
3. That in summary the report recommended:
  - A net revenue budget of £228.4m, a 3.95% decrease when compared with 2016/17.
  - A core council tax of £1,166.90 at Band D, a 1.99% increase.
  - A further £34.33 at Band D to pay for Adult Social Care as allowed by central government, a 3% increase on 2016/17.This would result in a headline charge for Enfield Council of £1,201.23 at Band D, a 4.99% increase.
4. The outcome of the recent budget consultation as set out in the report.
5. The continued pressures on service demand in the areas of Adult Social Care and Children's Services together with the ongoing reduction in public spending by the Government.
6. Members' attention was drawn to Appendix 8 of the report providing a "Statement of the Section 151 Officer under the requirements of Section 25 of the Local Government Act 2003 and robustness of budget estimates and adequacy of the services – February 2017". Members noted the forecast budget gap over the next 3 years in relation to the Medium Term Financial Plan, as set out in the report.

7. Councillor Sitkin noted the expenditure which had been incurred in relation to street lighting and festive lighting and highlighted the inaccuracy of an earlier press release regarding this issue.
8. The recent press reports regarding the Government's funding settlement for Surrey County Council. Members expressed their concern over the apparent lack of fairness in the distribution of financial settlements to local authorities nationally and, their view that allocations to the minority should not be to the detriment of the majority of local authorities.

**Alternative Options Considered:** The Council operated a budget planning and consultation process during which a wide range of options were considered in detail before recommendations were made. Issues raised and discussed had greatly contributed to the report including information from the Budget Consultation set out in the report. As part of its planning for both 2017/18 and future years the Council had considered future levels of Council Tax.

#### **RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL**

1. To draw the attention of Members to the comments in paragraph 2.14 of the report regarding S106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 which required any Member who was two months or more in arrears on their Council Tax to declare their position and not vote on any issue that could affect the calculation of the budget or Council Tax.
2. With regard to the revenue budget for 2017/18 to:
  - (i) Set the Council Tax Requirement for Enfield at £114.169m in 2017/18.
  - (ii) Set the Council Tax at Band D for Enfield's services for 2017/18 at £1,201.23 (paragraph 8.1 of the report), being a 1.99% general Council Tax increase and a 3.00% Adult Social Care Precept.
  - (iii) Approves the statutory calculations and resolutions set out in Appendix 10 of the report.
3. With regard to the Prudential Code and the Capital Programme to:
  - (i) Note the information regarding the requirements of the Prudential Code (section 9 of the report).
  - (ii) Agree the Approved Capital Programme for 2016/17 to 2020/21 as set out in section 9 (and Appendix 9) of the report. Also note the Indicative Capital Programme and recommend that Council agrees that these indicative programmes be reviewed in the light of circumstances at the time.
  - (iii) Agree the Prudential Indicators, the Treasury Management Strategy, the Minimum Reserve Provision policy and the criteria

for investments set out in section 9 and Appendices 4 and 5 of the report.

4. To agree the Medium Term Financial Plan, including the savings proposals set out in Appendix 2 of the report, and adopt the key principles set out in paragraph 10.9 of the report.
5. With regard to the robustness of the 2017/18 budget and the adequacy of the Council's earmarked reserves and balances to:
  - (i) Note the risks and uncertainties inherent in the 2017/18 budget and the Medium Term Financial Plan (sections 10 and 11 of the report) and agree the actions in hand to mitigate them.
  - (ii) Note the advice of the Executive Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Services regarding the recommended levels of contingencies, balances and earmarked reserves (section 12 of the report) and has regard to the comments of the Executive Director (section 13 of the report) when making final decisions on the 2017/18 budget.
  - (iii) Agree the recommended levels of central contingency and general balances (section 12 of the report).
6. Agree the Schools Budget for 2017/18 (section 5.11 and Appendix 13 of the report).
7. Agree the Fees and Charges for Environmental Services for 2017/18 (section 10.12 and Appendix 12 of the report).
8. Agree the Fees and Charges for Adult Social Care Services for 2017/18 (section 10.13 and Appendix 11 of the report), subject to consultation.
9. That the New Homes Bonus be applied as a one-off contribution to the General Fund in 2017/18.
10. Approve the adoption of the new flexible use of capital receipts as announced by the Department for Communities and Local Government for 2016/17 to 2019/20 and the proposed use of new capital receipts in 2016/17 and 2017/18 (Appendix 14 of the report). To note that, in using this flexibility, £2m of capital receipts had been used as one-off funding in 2017/18 in order to balance the budget, highlighting the need for fair funding settlements in the future.
11. Note that the Council signed up to the Government's four-year funding offer during 2016/17 and published an efficiency plan (Appendix 15 of the report). As such, it was not expected that the future years Government funding figures shown in this report would change.

12. Consider the feedback and results from the Budget Consultation and Overview and Scrutiny Committee Budget meeting on 19 January 2017 as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.

**DECISION:** The Cabinet agreed to delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for Finance and Efficiency and the Executive Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Services to agree any necessary changes in preparation of the Budget 2017/18 and Medium Term Financial Plan report to Council on 28 February 2017.

**Reason:** To set the Council's Budget requirement and level of Council Tax for 2017/18 within the timescales set out in legislation. To agree the Treasury Management Prudential Indicators and, the Capital Programme for 2017/18.

**(Key decision – reference number 4371)**

## **7**

### **HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) 30-YEAR BUSINESS PLAN, BUDGET 2017/18, RENT SETTING AND SERVICE CHARGES**

Councillor Ahmet Oykenar (Cabinet Member for Housing and Housing Regeneration) introduced the report of the Executive Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Services and Executive Director of Regeneration and Environment (No.195) setting out the proposed HRA 30 Year Business Plan, the detailed HRA Revenue Budget for 2017/18, the five year HRA Capital Programme and Right to Buy (RTB) One for One Receipts Programme (2017/18 to 2021/22).

#### **NOTED**

1. The report also presented the levels of rents, service charges and heating charges to be operative with effect from 3 April 2017 for HRA Council tenant and leaseholders, and rents for tenants in Temporary Accommodation.
2. That the detailed figures included in the latest version of the HRA 30 Year Business Plan were set out in Appendix A to the report. Members noted the constraint on resources.
3. The detailed programme of works and key risks in the delivery of the HRA business plan as set out in the report. Members noted that 2017/18 would be the second year of the 1% rent reduction which had been agreed over four years and its impact had been factored into the 30-year business plan and budget setting, as outlined in the report.
4. The recent publication of the Government's Housing White Paper, the future impact of which was still to be determined. Members noted that the Government's borrowing cap on the Housing Revenue Account had not been relaxed.

5. The base budget for 2017/18 as set out in section 5 of the report. During 2016/17, a project had been in place to identify ongoing savings of £2m per annum from the HRA which would start to have a full year effect in 2017/18. These savings were in addition to the savings of £1.955m identified in 2015/16. As at December 2016, a net £2.3m had been found.
6. The implications of the Welfare Reform and Work Act which had come into force in March 2016, as set out in the report.
7. That the report set out the service charges for tenants and leaseholders.
8. The proposed Heating Charges as set out in section 12 of the report. It was recommended that, with effect from 1 October 2017, heating charges move to being reviewed and increased or decreased on 1 October each year, rather than April. This meant that, in 2017/18, there would be two heating charge reviews, one now and one in October. Heating charges, especially electricity, were predicted to increase significantly this year. Section 12.4 set out the proposed electricity charges which would be increased by 8% now and reviewed again in October. A review of all heating charges in October of each year would also align with the setting of the Council's annual contracts. Members noted that the poor electricity generating capacity in the UK increased the grid's reliance on imports from France, the price for which would depend on the performance of the pound against the euro.

**Alternative Options Considered:** Currently, the Council had no choice about the level of rents it sets for Council tenants and the options available regarding Temporary Accommodation rents remain unclear. The Council could not afford to forgo available income in the current financial climate, so this had been maximised where possible. A number of different options had been considered around budget levels required both for 2017/18 and in the medium term. The preferred option, to meet the priorities of the service and the Council, was presented in the report. Service charges could be set at alternative levels, but those set out in paragraph 10 of the report would need to result in improved services to tenants and leaseholders. Advice from the Council's energy management team and energy management advisors, LASER, was that electric communal heating charges should go up by 16% with effect from 3 April 2017. However, the report proposed instead that the charges were reviewed mid-year since charges relating to October 2017 onwards were not yet subject to contract.

**RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL to**

1. Approve the HRA 30-Year Business Plan.
2. Approve the detailed HRA Revenue Budget for 2017/18.

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3. Approve the HRA Capital Programme and Right to Buy One for One Receipts Programme 2017/18 to 2021/22.
4. Note the rent levels for 2017/18 for HRA properties and Temporary Accommodation properties.
5. Approve the level of service charges for 2017/18 for those properties receiving the services.
6. Approve the heating charges for 2017/18 for those properties on communal heating systems and the proposed mid-year review.
7. Approve the proposals for increases in garages and parking bay rents.
8. Delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for Housing and Housing Regeneration and the Executive Director of Regeneration and Environment to approve tenders for Major Works.

**Reason:** The Council must comply with the law in setting its rents for Council tenants and Temporary Accommodation rents could not be increased whilst the effect of this could not be properly understood. Setting an annual budget, capital programme and balanced HRA 30 Year Business Plan were also legal requirements. Increasing service charges would allow the Council to provide new and better services to tenants, and the charges set out in the report were supported by the Council's Housing Board and Customer Voice (the Tenant and Leaseholder representative body).

**(Key decision – reference number 4451)**

## **8**

### **REVENUE MONITORING REPORT 2016/17: DECEMBER 2016**

Councillor Dino Lemonides (Cabinet Member for Finance and Efficiency) introduced the report of the Executive Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Services (No.196) setting out the Council's revenue budget monitoring position based on information to the end of December 2016.

NOTED that the report forecast an outturn position of £6.2m overspend for 2016/17 and set out the mitigating actions to bring the budget into balance. Members' attention was drawn to paragraph 4.3 of the report. Councillor Lemonides reiterated the challenging national funding position and that many local authorities were in a similar position to Enfield. The Council was continuing to demonstrate responsible financial management.

**DECISION:** The Cabinet agreed to note

1. The £6.2m overspend revenue outturn projection. This position was a reduction of £1.0m from that last reported to Cabinet in October 2016.

2. That Cabinet Members would continue to work with Executive Directors to implement action plans to reduce the forecast overspend in 2016/17.
3. The mitigating actions proposed to date by Executive Directors of overspending departments as set out in Appendix A to the report.

**Alternative Options Considered:** Not applicable to this report.

**Reason:** To ensure that Members were aware of the projected budgetary position, including all major budget pressures and underspends which had contributed to the present monthly position and that were likely to affect the final outturn.

**(Key decision – reference number 4368)**

## **9**

### **CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITOR - THIRD QUARTER DECEMBER 2016: BUDGET YEAR 2016-17**

Councillor Dino Lemonides (Cabinet Member for Finance and Efficiency) introduced the report of the Executive Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Services (No.197) informing Members of the current position up to the end of December 2016.

#### **NOTED**

1. That the overall expenditure was projected to be £230.3m for the General Fund and £55.2m for the HRA for 2016/17.
2. The additions and reductions to the Programme as detailed in Tables 3 and 4 of the report. Members noted that as part of the 2017/18 budgeting cycle, a review of the capital programme had been undertaken with each department, with the aim of reducing the revenue cost of borrowing to the Council's general fund, as detailed in the report.

**Alternative Options Considered:** Not applicable to this report.

**DECISION:** The Cabinet

1. Agreed the revised 2016/17 Capital Programme totalling £230.3m for the General Fund and £55.2m for the Housing Revenue Account (HRA).
2. Noted the approved full four-year programme as per Appendix A of the report and Indicative Programme in Appendix B of the report.
3. Noted the additions to the programme which were for information only and either required no additional borrowing as they were grant funded

or had already been approved as part of the Council's democratic process as detailed in Table 3 of the report.

**Reason:** To inform Members of the current position up to the end of December 2016 regarding the Council's capital programme.

**(Key decision – reference number 4364)**

**10**

**AMENDMENT TO GOVERNANCE INDEPENDENCE AND WELL BEING ENFIELD LTD. (IWBE) (COUNCIL'S TRADING COMPANY)**

Councillor Alev Cazimoglu (Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care) introduced the report of the Executive Director of Health, Housing and Adult Social Care (No.198)

**NOTED**

1. The governance arrangements outlined in the report and specifically in relation to the establishment of a Cabinet Sub-Committee to act as the Independence and Well Being Oversight Board.
2. That Councillor Cazimoglu was Chair of the trading company's Executive Board and would be invited to attend meetings of the Oversight Board in an advisory non-voting capacity.
3. That detailed terms of reference for the Sub-Committee would be prepared and presented for adoption at its first meeting.
4. Councillor Anderson requested that the name of the Oversight Board/Cabinet Sub-Committee be reviewed and agreed at its first meeting.
5. Councillor Lemonides reported on the work that was currently being undertaken to review the governance arrangements of all of the Council's trading companies.

**Alternative Options Considered:** The only other option would be not to set up the Oversight Board which would mean that the governance arrangements were not in accordance with the previous Cabinet decision.

**DECISION:** The Cabinet agreed

1. To establish a Cabinet sub-committee to act as the Oversight Board for Independence and Well-being Enfield and to appoint two Cabinet Members to serve on the sub-committee. The sub-committee would receive updates from the Executive board and scrutinise performance against the contract and Business Plan, review investment plans and risks. The Oversight Board was an advisory board to the Cabinet.

Matters arising from the Oversight Board would be reported back to Cabinet for decision. The Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care (who was Chair of the Executive Board) would be invited to attend all meetings of the Oversight Board but in a non-voting capacity. The board would also be attended by the Executive Directors of Health, Housing and Adult Social Care, and Finance, Resources and Customer Services in an advisory capacity.

2. To note that more detailed terms of reference for the Oversight Board would be developed and presented for approval at the first meeting of the Oversight Board.
3. To delegate authority to Councillor Taylor (Leader of the Council) to nominate the two Cabinet Members to serve on the Sub-Committee.

**Reason:** To formally set up the Oversight Board and to establish the terms of reference for the Oversight Board. It was necessary to demonstrate that the governance structure of IWBE Ltd. gave the Council the relevant control to satisfy the Teckal exemption.

(Non key)

## **11**

### **PONDERS END HIGH STREET: PHASE 2 DELIVERY PROGRAMME**

Councillor Ahmet Oykenner (Cabinet Member for Housing and Housing Regeneration) introduced the report of the Executive Director – Regeneration and Environment (No.200) seeking authorisation to initiate the Ponders End (Phase 2) programme.

#### **NOTED**

1. The excellent progress that was being made on the continued regeneration of Ponders End, as detailed in the report. The Council was providing good quality local homes. The Dujardin Mews project had now been completed and Councillor Oykenner praised the quality and standard of the new housing provision.
2. The Council would continue to find ways to deliver affordable housing. Enfield was leading the way on housing delivery and had recently been featured on LBC radio as a “champion” authority in this respect. Councillor Oykenner praised the work that had been undertaken to date and congratulated all concerned.
3. In response to Members’ questions, clarification was provided on the progress of the Alma Estate regeneration and the anticipated timescales for completion, as set out in section 4 of the report.

4. Councillor Taylor drew Members' attention to the proposed governance arrangements set out in section 9 of the report. Members reiterated the need for continued effective community involvement and consultation with local residents in going forward.
5. The Area Objectives as set out in section 6 of the report. The Ponders End Ward Councillors were robust in their view that dedicated public community facilities should be provided in the area.
6. Councillor Orhan noted paragraph 4.5.2 of the report in relation to the Ponders End Qube. The report stated that at the end of the expiration of two years or when the site was required for redevelopment, an exit strategy would be in place to ensure that there was a new site to accommodate the Qube. Councillor Orhan emphasised the need to continue to consult with the local community in identifying the most appropriate alternative site for this facility. Proposals for an alternative site in the future should be robustly discussed with residents and current users. Councillor Orhan expressed the view that the provision should remain within the Ponders End Ward. Councillor Taylor acknowledged that whilst re-provision of the facility was essential, it might not be possible to identify an alternative and suitable site within the Ponders End Ward. The views of the Ward Councillors and their stated preferences in going forward were noted.
7. Councillor Cazimoglu highlighted paragraph 7.4.8 of the report regarding Boundary House which had been a source of anxiety for residents in the neighbouring Jubilee Ward. It was noted that officers were in discussions about bringing forward proposals for alternative uses of the site, as set out in the report. Officers were asked to keep both Ponders End and Jubilee Ward Councillors informed on any progress.
8. Councillor Orhan praised the exemplary community engagement that had taken place, and continued to be held, with residents in Ponders End which was an example of best practice to all concerned.
9. Councillor Anderson acknowledged the good work that was being undertaken in Ponders End for the benefit of the local area and its residents.
10. Councillor Taylor drew Members' attention to paragraph 7.4.2 of the report regarding Swan Annexe. The Swan Annexe had been identified as a building of architectural merit and had been identified in the Council's draft local heritage list. Councillor Taylor reiterated the need to ensure that the frontage of the building was retained for future heritage purposes and recognised as part of the Borough's history.

**Alternative Options Considered:** NOTED, that further reports would follow considering an analysis of each of the interventions described in section 7 of the report and what options might follow from this work.

**DECISION:** The Cabinet

1. Noted the progress made to date on the ongoing regeneration of Ponders End and agreed the next phase of the programme.
2. Agreed to authorise draw down of approved 2016-17 budget for expenditure of no more than £1.0m to progress design and architectural work across sites at Ponders End identified and in accordance with the scope detailed in section 7 of the report.
3. Agreed to authorise draw down of approved 2016/17 budget for £100k to carry out a series of small to medium scale public realm improvements.
4. Agreed to approve the Ponders End governance arrangements.
5. Agreed to authorise draw down of approved 2016-17 budget for no more than £310k for quantity surveying, engineering and valuation advice for sites identified within the report to undertake an options appraisal as explained in section 8 of the report.

**Reason:** The regeneration of Ponders End was well underway but it was vital that the Council continued the ongoing development of this town centre. The recommendations sought to allow the further investigation of additional development sites so that the Council was well informed of any future decisions.

**(Key decision – reference number 4382)**

**12**

**BURY STREET WEST - DEVELOPMENT**

Councillor Ahmet Oykenar (Cabinet Member for Housing and Housing Regeneration) advised Members that the report of the Executive Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Services and Executive Director of Regeneration and Environment (No.201) had been deferred for consideration at the next Cabinet meeting.

Councillor Oykenar reported that the Government had issued a Housing White Paper on 7 February 2017 setting out the Government's plans to reform the housing market and boost the supply of new homes in England. In the light of this, it was recommended that discussions take place with the GLA on any potential changes which would impact on the proposals for the Bury Street West development. Following a review, a report on the proposals for the recommended way forward would be presented to the next Cabinet meeting for Members' consideration (Report No.206 also referred as detailed in Minute No.22 below).

**(Key decision – reference number 4008)**

13

**LAND ACQUISITION AT MERIDIAN WATER (VOSA)**

Councillor Alan Sitkin (Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Business Development) introduced the report of the Executive Director of Regeneration and Environment (No.202) seeking approval to the acquisition of a site at Meridian Water, as set out in the report.

**NOTED**

1. That Report No.207 also referred as detailed in Minute No.23 below.
2. The proposals set out in the report for the acquisition of land as part of the Meridian Water Programme.

**Alternative Options Considered:** NOTED, that the principal alternative option for acquiring this site would be via a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO). There were strong financial and strategic reasons why it was preferable to acquire the site now rather than via CPO. The detailed reasons were set out in section 4 of the report.

**DECISION:** The Cabinet agreed to

1. Approve the sale price for the purchase of a 2.13 acre (0.86ha) site at Meridian Water, as detailed in Report No.207, Minute No.23 below refers.
2. Approve the terms of the sale as set out in the Contract for Sale, appended to Report No.207, Minute No.23 below refers.
3. Authorise the Assistant Director Legal and Governance to enter into the Contract for Sale.
4. Authorise all necessary expenditure associated with the purchase of this land as detailed in Report No.207 (Minute No.23 below refers), noting that it would be contained within the existing approved capital budget.

**Reason:** The acquisition of the site would enable the Council to exercise control over the land within the Meridian Water Masterplan area, which would help accelerate housing delivery. To provide a greater level of certainty over the timescales associated with the development of Meridian Water and to increase developer and stakeholder confidence in the delivery of the Masterplan. The purchase of the site would underpin the delivery of the Meridian Water Housing Zone and this land could support a mixed use development at a later date.

**(Key decision – reference number 4377)**

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**ISSUES ARISING FROM THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE -  
SCHOOL PLACES SCRUTINY WORKSTREAM REPORT**

Councillor Doug Taylor welcomed Councillor Katherine Chibah (Chair of the School Places Scrutiny work stream) to the meeting and invited her to present the report of the Scrutiny work stream to the Cabinet.

Councillor Katherine Chibah introduced the report of the School Places Scrutiny work stream (No.203).

Councillor Chibah expressed her thanks and appreciation to the Scrutiny Members and the officers who had supported the effective review of the provision of school places in the Borough and, how the local authority was ensuring that both current and future demand could be met for primary, secondary and special schools.

NOTED

1. That the report made a number of recommendations, designed to improve further the Council's school places planning and provision, and to support the Council in delivery in this complex and rapidly changing area.
2. The Cabinet Member and Executive Director's response to the recommendations, attached as Appendix A to the report.
3. With regard to recommendation 2.1 of the report, Councillor Chibah advised Members that she had written to the appropriate Regional Commissioner with regard to the need for early consultation with local authorities on the provision of new free schools, as detailed in the report. A positive response had been received and it was anticipated that an effective dialogue with the Director of Children's Services would be established for the future.
4. Councillor Ayfer Orhan (Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services and Protection) thanked the Scrutiny Members for a thorough and robust scrutiny of this area of provision. Councillor Orhan expressed her appreciation to Councillor Chibah for an excellent piece of work and supported the recommendations coming forward. Councillor Orhan noted the significant amount of work that had been carried out to date and reported on the progress being made in implementing the recommendations which had arisen from the review. The work would be on-going.
5. Councillor Taylor drew Members' attention to the recommendations in the report relating to an increase in autism, the reasons for this and the

potential impact on future levels of provision to meet increasing demand. In response, Councillor Chibah advised that the evidence considering the reasons for the apparent increase was ambiguous and inconclusive at this stage. The Scrutiny work stream had not compared Enfield to other similar local authorities. Tony Theodoulou (Director of Children's Services) advised that the diagnosis of autism had improved and noted that other local authorities were experiencing similar increases in the number of identified cases. Ray James (Director of Health, Housing and Adult Social Care) reported on the current position nationally with regard to adult social care. There had been a significant effort to improve effective diagnosis of autism. It was suggested that there had been both an increase in the prevalence of autism together with an improved diagnosis of the condition.

6. Councillor Taylor recognised that further work would be required nationally with regard to autism and suggested that the issue be raised within a National Local Government journal to highlight the matter and seek further investigation into autism and the reasons for the identified increases.
7. Councillor Orhan accepted the recommendations of the Scrutiny work stream as set out in the report.

**Alternative Options Considered:** None

**DECISION:** The Cabinet agreed to note the report and the Cabinet Member and Director's response to the recommendations (set out in Appendix A to the report).

**Reason:** To assist the Council to fulfil its statutory duty to provide sufficient pupil places to meet anticipated demand.  
(Non key)

**15**

**ENFIELD COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUND CABINET SUB-COMMITTEE  
FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2016/17**

**AGREED,** to the re-establishment of an Enfield Community Support Fund Cabinet Sub-Committee for the remainder of the municipal year 2016/17 with the following membership:

Councillor Yasemin Brett  
Councillor Krystle Fonyonga  
Councillor Achilleas Georgiou

**NOTED,** that as in previous years, the Cabinet Sub-Committee would be the Assessment Panel for the Fund. All bids that pass the quality assurance

process would be prepared and passed to the Cabinet Sub-Committee (Assessment Panel) for consideration. The re-establishment of the Sub-Committee was required to manage delivery of the Fund for schemes in 2017/18. It was anticipated that the Sub-Committee would meet once during the year according to the appropriate timetable of submission.

**16**

**CABINET AGENDA PLANNING - FUTURE ITEMS**

NOTED, the provisional list of items scheduled for future Cabinet meetings.

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**MINUTES**

**AGREED**, that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Cabinet held on 18 January 2017 be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

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**ENFIELD STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP UPDATE**

NOTED, that there were no written updates to be received at this meeting.

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**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

NOTED, that the next Cabinet meeting was scheduled to take place on Wednesday 15 March 2017.

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**EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED**, in accordance with Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the press and public from the meeting for the items 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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**BUDGET REPORT 2017/18 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2017/18 TO 2020/21**

Councillor Dino Lemonides (Cabinet Member for Finance and Efficiency) introduced the report of the Executive Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Services (No.204).

NOTED, that Report No.194 also referred as detailed in Minute No.6 above.

**Alternative Options Considered:** As detailed in Report No.194, Minute No.6 above referred.

**RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL** that the Pest Control, Commercial Waste, Schedule 2 waste, clinical waste, Planning pre-application service, Parks events and outdoor facilities, People Transport Services, Fleet services and Schools Health and Safety fees and charges for Environmental Services be agreed as set out in Section 3.1 and Appendix 1 of the report.

**Reason:** As detailed in Report No.194, Minute No.6 above referred.  
**(Key decision – reference number 4371)**

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**BURY STREET WEST - DEVELOPMENT**

NOTED, that the report of the Executive Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Services and Executive Director of Regeneration and Environment (No.206) had been deferred to the next Cabinet meeting (Minute No.12 above also referred).

**(Key decision – reference number 4008)**

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**LAND ACQUISITION AT MERIDIAN WATER (VOSA)**

Councillor Alan Sitkin (Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Business Development) introduced the report of the Executive Director of Regeneration and Environment (No.207).

NOTED

1. That Report No.202 also referred, as detailed in Minute No.13 above.
2. The details of the site in question and the proposed terms, as set out in the report. The anticipated timescales for the development of the site and the consideration of “meanwhile use”, together with the financial

implications of the proposals, were outlined to Members at the meeting and detailed within the report.

**Alternative Options Considered:** As detailed in Report No.202, Minute No.13 above refers.

**DECISION:** The Cabinet agreed to authorise

1. And approve the purchase of the site.
2. The release of funds for the agreed purchase price as detailed in recommendation 2.2 of the report, according to the agreed structured payment, noting that these were contained within the existing capital programme budget for the Meridian Water Project.
3. The release of Stamp Duty Land Tax (SDLT) on the purchase and any other expenditure associated with the acquisition of the Site, noting these could be contained from within the existing capital programme budget for the Meridian Water Project.

**Reason:** The detailed reasons for the recommendations were set out in section 5 of the report.

**(Key decision – reference number 4377)**