

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 9 NOVEMBER 2016**

COUNCILLORS

PRESENT

Bernadette Lappage (Mayor), Christine Hamilton (Deputy Mayor), Abdul Abdullahi, Daniel Anderson, Ali Bakir, Dinah Barry, Chris Bond, Yasemin Brett, Alev Cazimoglu, Nesil Cazimoglu, Erin Celebi, Lee Chamberlain, Bambos Charalambous, Dogan Delman, Nick Dines, Guney Dogan, Sarah Doyle, Christiana During, Patricia Ekechi, Turgut Esendagli, Peter Fallart, Krystle Fonyonga, Achilleas Georgiou, Alessandro Georgiou, Ahmet Hasan, Elaine Hayward, Robert Hayward, Ertan Hurer, Suna Hurman, Jansev Jemal, Doris Jiagge, 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, Daniel Pearce, Vicki Pite, Michael Rye OBE, George Savva MBE, Alan Sitkin, Edward Smith, Jim Steven, Ozzie Uzoanya and Glynis Vince

ABSENT

Jason Charalambous, Katherine Chibah, Lee David-Sanders, Nesimi Erbil, Toby Simon, Andrew Stafford, Claire Stewart and Haydar Ulus

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ELECTION IF REQUIRED OF THE CHAIR/DEPUTY CHAIR OF THE MEETING

Not required.

2

MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN TO GIVE BLESSING

Father Witon of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St George Roman Catholic Church gave the blessing.

3

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ORDINARY BUSINESS OF THE COUNCIL

The Mayor made the following announcements:

She began by saying that October had again been one of the busiest months for the Mayoral team and that she would like to thank the officers, her consort, the deputy mayor, her consort for their support and for the people of Enfield for their invitations.

1. **Past Engagements** – these included:

- **A Visit of Young People from Gladbeck** (Enfield's twin town in Germany) **and Norway** who had been looked after by Claire Whetstone and the Enfield Children and Young People's Service. The Mayor had attended a ceremony at an Enfield Town Football Match where during half time she had awarded them medals. She said that it had been a pleasure to receive the children into the borough. She had also been given an Enfield Football Club scarf, which had meant a lot to her as her brother had been an ardent supporter.
- **Visit to Haven House Hospice (Woodford Green)** – a heart wrenching visit which had brought to the Mayor's attention the number of Enfield children that used their services. The work of the hospice was invaluable and the people that work there were truly magnificent. The Mayor thanked them for their hard work and support and said that she would also be inviting them to meet key councillors so that the Council could provide more support to their valued work.
- **Looked After Children Event** – accompanied by Councillor Glynis Vince with Councillor Orhan also in attendance.
- **Park View House Residential Care Home Silver Sunday Tea Dance** – an event involving live music and dancing which was tremendously helpful to elderly and isolated residents.
- **Mayor for Peace Meeting** – an event to signify world peace - in times of great hardship and war across the world - with survivors from Hiroshima and Nagasaki who gave witness statements on their experiences. Councillor Brett also attended.
- **Launch of National Hate Crime Awareness Week** at St Paul's Cathedral – accompanied by Councillor Brett.
- **Black History Month** the many celebrations beginning with the opening ceremony at Enfield Town Library and the closing ceremony at the Dugdale Centre.
- **Celebrations for One Hundred Hours of Volunteering** – the Mayor said that it had been an honour to attend and be able to thank all those who had given up their valued time to support worthy causes and make a difference to so many people in need.
- **London Mayor's Association Annual Civic Service** in Westminster Abbey which had been attended by many dignitaries and other London mayors. The Mayor said that it had been nice to see the pageant of so many London mayors, under one roof.

- **Thanksgiving Civic Mass** (Saturday 22 October 2016) The Mayor said that this to her was one of the most important events of her Mayoral Year. She thanked all those who had attended, including all the clergy and the Mayors of Waltham Forest, Hackney, Haringey, Barnet and the former Mayor of Newham and for making this special occasion extremely memorable and especially poignant. This had been the church where she had been baptised and it had held many good memories for her and her family.
- **Mayor's Tea at the Autumn Show** – The Mayor thanked Kathy and Paul Worrall for arranging the tea which went splendidly and for Ruth Winston House for their funding of it.
- **Ruth Winston House AGM** – The Mayor thanked Ruth Winston House for inviting her and making her feel very welcome as well as thanking all those supported the event which had meant a lot to all the Ruth Winston members at the AGM.
- **Armed Forces Event** – The Mayor's Office worked closely with Councillor Brett and her team at the recent Armed Forces Event, which proved very successful. The veterans were happy to be honoured, whilst remembering all those who lost their lives to protect the nation. The Mayor was delighted to offer the hospitality of the Mayor's Parlour and share in the civic pride of the armed forces.

2. **Enfield Sounds Great**

The charity was continuing to work hard and had recently benefited from the following fundraising events

- "A Night of West End Musicals" organised at the Prince Albert Pub in Hertford Road, Freezywater. In excess of £400 was raised.
- St Georges Primary School Harvest Festival Assembly – raising £156.
- Three Showings of Sing a Long a Frozen at the Dugdale Centre – on one of the occasions - while making her speech - the Mayor's two nieces in the audience had called out "We love you Aunty Bernie".
- International Lunch organised by Enfield Legal Team — which had raised £152.
- Mayor's Thanksgiving Mass where the raffle raised £156.

As the Enfield Sounds Great Charity was about promoting music in Enfield and recognising great local performers and others outside of Enfield, the Mayor paid tribute to Bob Dylan, recently been awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature. She shared the following words from one of his songs:

May God bless and keep you always,
May your wishes all come true,
May you always do for others,
And let others do for you.

May you build a ladder to the stars,
And climb on every rung
May you stay forever young.

3. Congratulations

The Mayor offered her congratulations to Tony Theodoulou for his success in becoming the new Director of Schools and Children's Services.

4. Future Engagements

- A Visit to the Parker Dementia Centre – in December where they use music to stimulate dementia sufferers with amazing results. The Mayor had already made a visit to this centre where she had watched a band of ukulele players made up of local residents entertaining other residents which had been hugely enjoyable.
- Remembrance Day Events – several events were happening across the borough during the weekend following the meeting. The Mayor's Office would be sending details to all councillors.

The Mayor reminded members that the meeting had a timed agenda and said that she would inform the chamber 10 minutes before the end of the time allocated for each section of the meeting to allow them to sum up.

The Mayor also reminded members to be aware of their conduct during meeting. She expected them to behave courteously and respectfully both to each other and herself as Mayor and asked them to be mindful of her requests to ensure the smooth running of the meeting. If there was behaviour which she considered disruptive to the business of the meeting, she would have no recourse but to ask the member to leave the meeting.

A comfort break would be announced at a suitable time in the proceedings, around 8.30pm.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 SEPTEMBER 2016

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 September 2016 were agreed as a correct record.

5

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Charalambous, Chibah, David Sanders, Erbil, Esendagli, Simon, Stafford, Stewart, Ulus and for lateness from Councillors Dines, Hurman and Rye.

6

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Monitoring Officer advised that she had granted dispensations for this meeting only to the following members in relation to item 12. 5 Motion in the name of Councillor Sarah Doyle on women's state pension age. She had granted this on the basis that sufficient members had disclosable pecuniary interests in the issue that not allowing dispensations would impede the transaction of the business of the meeting. The dispensation enabled these members to take part in the discussion on this motion and vote.

Councillor Abdullahi
Councillor Anderson
Councillor Barry
Councillor Brett
Councillor A Cazimoglu
Councillor N Cazimoglu
Councillor Celebi
Councillor Chamberlain
Councillor B Charalambous
Councillor Delman
Councillor Dines
Councillor Dogan
Councillor Doyle
Councillor During
Councillor Ekechi
Councillor Esendagli
Councillor Fallart
Councillor Fonyonga
Councillor Achilleas Georgiou
Councillor Alessandro Georgiou
Councillor Hamilton
Councillor E Hayward
Councillor R Hayward
Councillor Hurer
Councillor Jemal
Councillor Jiagge
Councillor Jukes
Councillor Keazor
Councillor Laban
Councillor Lavender
Councillor Lemonides
Councillor Levy
Councillor Maguire
Councillor Milne
Councillor Neville
Councillor Orhan
Councillor AM Pearce
Councillor D Pearce
Councillor Pite

Councillor Rye
Councillor Savva
Councillor Sitkin
Councillor Smith
Councillor Stafford
Councillor Steven
Councillor Taylor
Councillor Uzoanya
Councillor Vince

Councillors Celebi, Chamberlain, Delman, Dines, Fallart, Alessandro Georgiou, E Hayward, R Hayward, Hurer, Jukes, Laban, Lavender, Milne, Neville, AM Pearce, D Pearce, Rye, Smith, Steven and Vince all declared non-pecuniary interests in Motion 12.6 In the name of Councillor Mary Maguire.

Councillors Achilleas Georgiou, Dino Lemonides and Ahmet Oykenner, as directors of the Housing Gateway Limited Board, declared non pecuniary interests in items 10 and 20 on the Housing Gateway Limited Budget Envelope Report.

7

CHANGE IN THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councillor Charalambous moved and Councillor Taylor seconded as proposal under paragraph 2.2(B) of the Council procedure rules to change the order of items on the agenda so that the following would be dealt with as the next item of business:

Motion 12.5 In the name of Councillor Sarah Doyle

The change in the order of the agenda was agreed without a vote.

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MOTIONS

Motion 12.5 in the name of Councillor Sarah Doyle

“The Council calls upon the Government to make fair transitional state pension arrangements for all women born on or after 6th April 1951, who have unfairly borne the burden of the increase to the State Pension Age (SPA) with lack of appropriate notification.

Hundreds of thousands of women had significant pension changes imposed on them by the Pensions Acts of 1995 and 2011 with little/no/personal notification of the changes. Some women had only two years notice of a six-year increase to their state pension age. Figures show that more than 15,000 women living in the London Borough of Enfield have had their State Pension receipt date moved to the ages of between 63 and 66 years old.

Many women born in the 1950's are living in hardship. Retirement plans have been shattered with devastating consequences. Many of these women are already out of the labour market, caring for elderly relatives, providing childcare for grandchildren, or suffer discrimination in the workplace so struggle to find employment.

Women born in this decade are suffering financially. These women have worked hard, raised families and paid their tax and national insurance with the expectation that they would be financially secure when reaching 60. It is not the pension age itself that is in dispute - it is widely accepted that women and men should retire at the same time.

The issue is that the rise in the women's state pension age has been too rapid and has happened without sufficient notice being given to the women affected, leaving women with no time to make alternative arrangements. The Council calls upon the Government to reconsider transitional arrangements for women born on or after 6th April 1951, so that women do not live in hardship due to pension changes they were not told about until it was too late to make alternative arrangements.

We call upon the Leader of Enfield Council to write to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions in the strongest possible terms, urging that fair transitional arrangements are introduced forthwith."

Following a debate, this motion was put to the vote and agreed unanimously.

(A dispensation had been granted by the Monitoring Officer to enable members to take part in the debate and vote on this item, as listed under the minute for item 6.)

9

REFURBISHMENT AND RE-PROVISION WORK ON ENFIELD HIGHWAY LIBRARY BUILDING

This report was withdrawn.

10

ENFIELD ADULT SAFEGUARDING BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2015-16

Councillor Alev Cazimoglu moved and Councillor Rye seconded the report of the Director of Health, Housing and Adult Social Care presenting the Safeguarding Adults' Board Annual Report 2015-16 (Report No: 95).

NOTED

1. The report had been referred on for information from Cabinet at their meeting on 19 October 2016 and has also been considered by the Health and Wellbeing Board.

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2. The thanks to Marian Harrington, the Chair of the Adult Safeguarding Board, who had served the board with dedication and passion over the past three years and was now standing down. A replacement would be made at the meeting in December 2016.
3. The board had been statutory since April 2015 and worked as a strong, positive partnership of both statutory and other bodies.
4. During the year 2015-16 there had been 3,111 reports to the multi-disciplinary hub with 1,244 of these being raised to the Council. Neglect and multiple-abuse, the most commonly reported allegations, were against people of trust including family members and paid workers.
5. The Council had a statutory duty to report on all safeguarding adult reviews. Two of these reviews were completed during the year and a further two were in progress.
6. The success of “making safeguarding personal”, focussing on the person at risk, enabling a robust response.
7. The endorsement of the Opposition to the comments made and the thanks to Marian Harrington for her work as Chair. However there was some concern about:
 - a. The worrying number of substantiated cases.
 - b. That adult abuse lacked the higher profile of child abuse.
 - c. The need to learn from the outcomes of the reviews
 - d. To avoid complacency and make sure resources were available.
 - e. There was a danger in only noting, as it was only a small step to something horrible happening.
 - f. Cruelty and neglect were a criminal activity but the penalties for them were derisory and should be increased substantially.
 - g. The issue was a major public concern and the people concerns should be represented.
8. The response of the Majority Group that abuse was an appalling act and we could never be complacent, it was essential to safeguard those at risk.
9. The thanks to councillors for their contributions which the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care would take on board, making representations to work on the legislation to deal more appropriately with the issues. Although a gold standard had been achieved, the Council was not complacent and would seek to improve.

AGREED to note the progress being made in protecting vulnerable adults in the borough as set out in the annual report of the Safeguarding Adults' Board.

11

ENFIELD CHILD SAFEGUARDING BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2015-16

Councillor Orhan moved and Councillor Vince seconded the report of the Director of Children's Services on the Enfield Adult Safeguarding Board Annual Report 2015-16. (Report No: 96)

NOTED

1. That the report had been referred on to Council, for information, from Cabinet at their meeting on 19 October 2016 and had also been considered by the Health and Wellbeing Board.
2. The Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services and Protection recognition of the enormous progress made and the thanks to the department for their work including the independent Chair Geraldine Gavin for her exceptional work. Progress had been made in facilitating safe living with fathers, and strides in highlighting the issues of female genital mutilation and radicalisation of the young. Some children suffered unimaginable difficulties due to the complex dangers of the ever changing world, including from knife and gun crime, neglect and addictions.
3. Working collectively with the partner authorities, creating a strong voice and ensuring funding were crucial.
4. Thanks were also made to Councillor Vince, Children and Young People's Services, as well as Councillor Jemal for her work with the Child Sexual Exploitation Task Group.
5. The welcome of the joint working with Haringey in bidding for joint funding and working across borough boundaries.
6. The need to deal holistically with children at risk from child sexual exploitation, to ensure that there are no unintended consequences from House of Lords amendments to the current bill on child trafficking and that the Governments' Child Abuse Enquiry was completed in a timely fashion.
7. The request that members view, like and follow the Children's Safeguarding Board twitter feed and Facebook pages.
8. The support of the Opposition for the report and for the outstanding work of the Chair, Geraldine Gavin, but also concerns:
 - a. That the report should include more detailed statistics so that trends could be identified, including numbers of cases, logging actions taken, prosecutions, the effectiveness of actions taken and more information from the Police on radicalisation and the work being done to fight ISIS.

- b. About the staff leaving the related service and not being replaced.
9. The summing up of the Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services and Protection, that the work of the board should be celebrated and with thanks to members for their contributions, and a promise that the comments would be taken on board. A huge amount of work had been done and some of it was set out at the back of the report.

AGREED to note the progress being made to safeguard children and young people and specifically note this report and the Enfield Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report which was attached to the report as an appendix.

12

HOUSING GATEWAY LIMITED - INCREASED BUDGET ENVELOPE

Councillor Oyken moved and Councillor Lemonides seconded a report of the Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Services seeking approval for new Council borrowing to be on lent to Housing Gateway Limited.

NOTED

1. That the report would need to be read in conjunction with report number 141 on the part 2 agenda. See also minute ???
2. Housing Gateway Limited had been set up in 2014, in response to housing pressures in Enfield, to provide an alternative to nightly paid accommodation for homeless people. So far savings of £1.3m had been achieved, with a further £1m per year anticipated. The company had been set up with exemplary landlord standards: 85% of tenants had expressed satisfaction with the accommodation. Properties had been purchased and refurbished, providing good quality accommodation with security of tenure which had also helped improve local neighbourhoods. The policy had been a success and had achieved more than it had set out to do.
3. The concerns of the Opposition in relation to:
 - a. The impact on first time buyers. Some felt that Housing Gateway was being used to thwart the policy of increasing home ownership, by re-municipalising and buying back properties that were previously social housing. It was preventing first time buyers from purchasing property as they were not able to compete with the Council at a time of 14% increases in Enfield house prices: Enfield families were being forced out to cheaper areas outside London.

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- b. The increase to the Council's capital programme particularly as the Council already had a 7.9m overspend this year.
 - c. That Housing Gateway was not adding to the housing stock as no new units were being built.
 - d. Although acknowledging that it was a useful temporary approach, the scale and scope of the current scheme was felt to be too large.
 - e. That homeless people should be housed in cheaper areas outside Enfield.
 - f. It would be better to build new properties rather than buy existing stock.
 - g. The Conservative Government had acted to increase stamp duty and taxes on buy to let landlords.
4. The responses of the majority party that
- a. The Housing Gateway scheme had been set up in reaction to Government policy, which had led to the migration of people out of inner London, and also the withdrawal of Government funding.
 - b. Not enough homes were being built. The problem was that the Government had not been able to manage the housing crisis.
 - c. Not doing this would mean that the Council would have to cut other services. Borrowing was being used to purchase assets which were appreciating in value and borrowing limits were being monitored.
 - d. Many former Council properties had been sold through the "right to buy" legislation, and then rented back to the Council at hugely inflated prices to enable the housing of homeless people. This was costing the people of Enfield.
 - e. When buying properties, the council was mainly competing with other councils, buy to let landlords and property speculators, not first time buyers.
 - f. Moving vulnerable families out of the borough broke up communities, their support networks and meant that children had to move schools.
5. Support for the scheme in terms of a means of regenerating properties which would otherwise be unmortgageable and allowing savings on the temporary accommodation budget was expressed, but also the view

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that it would be preferable if properties could be sold to help pay off loans while the market was rising, as it was likely that it would soon fall.

6. In summing up, the Cabinet Member for Housing and Housing Regeneration said he would take on board the comments made and was considering the remodelling of financial arrangements. He said that there was scope to do some things differently, but it was not possible to move people out of the borough, unless attempts had been made to house them locally, as had been proved in a recent legal case against Westminster Council. More homes were being built at Meridian Water.

Following the debate the report was put to the vote and agreed with the following result:

For: 32

Against: 20

Abstentions: 0

AGREED

1. To note that the Leader had agreed, under the Cabinet Urgent Action Procedure, to recommend to Council to agree new Council borrowing (as set out in Part 2) and on-lend this to Housing Gateway Limited (HGL) in accordance with the Facility Letter, allowing the purchase of additional units. This will require an addition to the existing capital programme fully funded by repayments from HGL.
2. To approve new Council borrowing (as set out in Part 2) and on-lend this to Housing Gateway Limited (HGL) in accordance with the Facility Letter. This will require an addition to the existing capital programme fully funded by repayments from HGL.
3. To note that savings are expected to be achieved from the reduction in the use of nightly paid accommodation. These will help to contain the forecast cost pressure in Temporary Accommodation budgets.
4. To note that the terms of the Facility Letter were agreed by the Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Services; Director of Health, Housing and Adult Social Care; Cabinet Member for Finance; and Cabinet Member for Housing and Estate Regeneration in September 2014 and the HGL Board of Directors in April 2014.
5. To note that the treasury management decisions regarding the Council's borrowing to enable the on-lending to HGL will be subject to the Council's existing Treasury Management Strategy.

(Councillors Achilleas Georgiou, Lemonides and Oykenner had declared non pecuniary interests in this item).

13

BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND'S 2018 REVIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES - COUNCIL RESPONSE

Councillor Jemal moved and Councillor Hurer seconded the report of the Chief Executive on behalf of the Electoral Review Panel on the Boundary Commission for England's 2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries.

NOTED

1. The Electoral Review Panel had held a positive and constructive meeting and reached agreement on a proposed response to the consultation. They had agreed that the proposals were not in the best interests of Enfield and that they broke current cultural and transport links. Five different MPs would have an interest in the borough instead of the current three. This would increase administrative complexity.
2. Enfield was a growing borough, with an increasing population, but these proposals would lead to a reduction in the number of MPs with a clear interest in the borough.
3. That the company referred to in the second bullet point, on page 139 of the agenda pack, was Govia Thameslink not Transport for London as stated.
4. It was strange that the Government was proposing to reduce the number of MPs, elected representatives, in the House of Commons when they had recently increased the number of unelected representatives in the House of Lords. This is a democratic deficit.
5. Thanks to all the members who contributed to the review.
6. The support of the Opposition for the response being put forward but some concern that more detailed alternative proposals maintaining the integrity of the borough could not have been developed. Giving five different MPs a stake in the borough was felt to be a dilution of democracy. The commission had also ignored local ties.
7. Individual responses could also be submitted, up until 3 December 2016.
8. The Boundary Commission had had an unenviable task but it was felt that it had failed to come up with reasonable proposals. Enfield population was predicted to grow to over 400,000 (up from 324,000) by 2032 so it was feared that the constituency figures would be out of date almost as soon as they were published. Using 2015 population figures had already discounted the 2 million extra voters who had registered before the EU referendum.

Following the debate, the report was put to the vote and agreed unanimously.

A ten minute comfort break was held at this point in the meeting.

14 CHANGE IN THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councillor Charalambous moved and Councillor Taylor seconded a proposal under paragraph 2.2(B) of the Council procedure rules to change the order of items on the agenda so that the following would be dealt with as the next items of business, in this order:

Motion 12.6 In the name of Councillor Mary Maguire

Motion 12.2 In the name of Councillor George Savva

Motion 12.4 In the name of Councillor Anne Marie Pearce

The change in the order of the agenda was put to the vote and agreed with the following result:

For: 31

Against: 19

Abstentions: 0

15 MOTIONS

1.1 Urgent Motion

Council was asked to note that the Mayor had agreed to accept an urgent motion under Part 4 paragraph 11.6 of the constitution.

The decision was accepted as urgent, as notice as under Part 4, Paragraph 11 could not reasonably have been given for the following reasons:

Motions for this Council meeting should have been submitted by Friday 28 October 2016 and Councillor Chibah's first email on the subject was dated 2 November 2016. This explaining why the matter could not have been dealt with within the normal timescales.

The reason why it was essential that this matter should be considered at this Council, and not delayed, was because there were four further scheduled meetings of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee before the next Council on the 25 January 2017 and it was felt that the matter should be considered before these meetings.

Motion in the name of Councillor Terry Neville

Councillor Neville proposed and Councillor Alessandro Georgiou the following motion:

“This Council is concerned to note that Councillor Katherine Chibah, a permanent member and Vice Chair of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee (OSC) has missed meetings on 30 June, 3 August, 4 October (the latter called to consider the council’s projected revenue overspend), and 11 October. She has also now indicated that because she has been involved in the American elections she will not be here to consider several call-ins on the scheduled meeting date of the 10 November.

Council is even more concerned to note that in seeking to obtain a substitute for her at the meeting on 10 November, Councillor Chibah wrote to Councillors Maguire, Nesil Cazimoglu and Jemal, an email which included the following words:

“ the Tories are absolutely playing silly games with these latest vexatious call-ins so we need someone who can give them a hard time and direct questions at them rather than at the Cabinet Member concerned..... so any of you would be perfect....”

In so doing Councillor Chibah displays a complete failure to understand the statutory and constitutional independent role of members of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee which is particularly alarming given she is the elected Vice Chair, and by this action she renders herself wholly unsuitable to be a member of the OSC. Council therefore resolves to terminate her appointment as a member of the OSC and instructs the majority party to nominate a successor.”

Following the moving and seconding of the motion, Motion 14.11 (a) (ii) - that the question now be put - was moved by Councillor Charalambous as the Councillor referred to in the motion was not present. This was seconded by Councillor Taylor. The procedural motion was put to the vote with the following result:

For: 32

Councillor Abdullahi
Councillor Anderson
Councillor Bakir
Councillor Barry
Councillor Brett
Councillor A Cazimoglu
Councillor N Cazimoglu
Councillor B Charalambous
Councillor Dogan
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Councillor During
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Councillor Achilleas Georgiou
Councillor Hamilton

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Councillor Hassan
Councillor Hurman
Councillor Jemal
Councillor Jiagge
Councillor Keazor
Councillor Kepez
Councillor Lemonides
Councillor Levy
Councillor Maguire
Councillor McGowan
Councillor Orhan
Councillor Oykenor
Councillor Pite
Councillor Savva
Councillor Sitkin
Councillor Taylor
Councillor Uzoanya

Against: 19

Councillor Celebi
Councillor Chamberlain
Councillor Delman
Councillor Dines
Councillor Fallart
Councillor Alessandro Georgiou
Councillor E Hayward
Councillor R Hayward
Councillor Hurer
Councillor Jukes
Councillor Laban
Councillor Lavender
Councillor Milne
Councillor Neville
Councillor AM Pearce
Councillor Rye
Councillor Smith
Councillor Steven
Councillor Vince

Abstentions: 0

The motion was then put to the vote with the following result:

For: 16

Councillor Celebi
Councillor Chamberlain
Councillor Delman
Councillor Dines

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Councillor Fallart
Councillor E Hayward
Councillor R Hayward
Councillor Hurer
Councillor Jukes
Councillor Lavender
Councillor Milne
Councillor Neville
Councillor Rye
Councillor Smith
Councillor Steven
Councillor Vince

Against: 31

Councillor Abdullahi
Councillor Anderson
Councillor Bakir
Councillor Barry
Councillor Brett
Councillor A Cazimoglu
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Councillor B Charalambous
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Councillor Keazor
Councillor Kepez
Councillor Lemonides
Councillor Levy
Councillor Maguire
Councillor McGowan
Councillor Orhan
Councillor Oykenner
Councillor Pite
Councillor Savva
Councillor Sitkin
Councillor Taylor
Councillor Uzoanya

Abstentions: 4

Councillor Alessandro Georgiou

Councillor Laban
Councillor Levy
Councillor AM Pearce

Motion 12.6 In the name of Councillor Mary Maguire

Councillor Mary Maguire moved and Councillor Jemal seconded the following motion:

“This Council asserts that Councillors should uphold the principles of democracy and fair representation. It is, therefore, appalled that an entire political grouping of this Council should show such contempt for the democratic process through a planned walkout, en masse after 20 minutes, and mislead our residents present in the public gallery. The actions of the minority group on 21st September 2016 ensured they were absent for important debates.

Such actions produce a democratic deficit and show a scandalous disregard for the Council, its officers, the Mayor and residents of the London Borough of Enfield.

This Council calls on the Councillors concerned to apologise publicly to the Mayor, the officers and the residents of Enfield.

Furthermore, this Council agrees to refer this matter to the Monitoring Officer and the Councillor Conduct Committee.”

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

For: 31

Councillor Abdullahi
Councillor Anderson
Councillor Bakir
Councillor Barry
Councillor Bond
Councillor Brett
Councillor A Cazimoglu
Councillor N Cazimoglu
Councillor Dogan
Councillor Doyle
Councillor During
Councillor Ekechi
Councillor Fonyonga
Councillor Achilleas Georgiou
Councillor Hassan
Councillor Hurman
Councillor Jemal
Councillor Jiagge

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Councillor Keazor
Councillor Kepez
Councillor Lemonides
Councillor Levy
Councillor Maguire
Councillor McGowan
Councillor Orhan
Councillor Oykenner
Councillor Pite
Councillor Savva
Councillor Sitkin
Councillor Taylor
Councillor Uzoanya

Against: 2

Councillor Lavender
Councillor AM Pearce

Abstentions: 1

Councillor Bambos Charalambous

The remaining members present did not vote.

The following councillors had declared non-pecuniary interests in this motion:
Councillors Celebi, Chamberlain, Delman, Dines, Fallart, Alessandro Georgiou, E Hayward, R Hayward, Hurer, Jukes, Laban, Lavender, Milne, Neville, AM Pearce, D Pearce, Rye, Smith, Steven and Vince.

DURATION OF THE TIME ALLOCATED FOR ITEMS 12 AND 13

The Mayor advised, at this stage of the meeting, that the time available for items 12 and 13 had now elapsed so Council Procedure Rule 9 would apply.

NOTED that in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9 the remaining items of business in this section of the Council agenda were considered without debate.

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

Motion 12.1 In the name of Councillor Terry Neville:

“The Council notes that on 22 September this year former Labour Councillor Nesimi Erbil was convicted at Highbury Corner Magistrates Court of an offence under section 4, Public Order Act 1986 and was given a six week custodial term, suspended for two years and ordered to pay fines and costs totalling £1080. The conviction is his third in a year following upon two convictions for fraud at Southwark Crown Court last September, and the

Council believes that because of this he is entirely unsuitable to continue as a councillor and calls upon him to resign forthwith.”

Motion 12.2 In the name of Councillor George Savva:

“This Council would welcome a new stance by the Government to increase infrastructure spend (as widely reported) to boost the economy, in contrast to the austerity position of the last leader of the Conservative government.

This Council therefore resolves to:

1. Inform residents of the impact of the Government’s austerity measures upon their well-being.
2. Encourage the Government to increase funding of local authorities as the ideally positioned public bodies to best serve local people to increase their well-being and to develop the local infrastructure.
3. Ask the Leader of the Council to write to the Prime Minister bringing to her attention that there should be fair funding for Enfield Council and the added value that this Council can bring for the residents of Enfield.”

Motion 12.3 In the name of Councillor Joanne Laban:

“This Council agrees with the Prime Minister's conference speech in which she remarked that the Labour Party is now the 'nasty party' of British politics. This is even truer locally when you look at the Labour Council's persecution of a group which supports the poorest and most vulnerable in our borough.”

Motion 12.4 In the name of Councillor Anne Marie Pearce:

“This Council is concerned that with the rise in population in Enfield, ever increasing demands are being placed on our local health services. Successive governments have failed to recognise that 'fair funding' has not supported local health services to the necessary levels. In comparison with neighbouring boroughs in the North Central London Sector, Enfield is under-funded. For example, Camden, with a population of 260,000 gets an NHS grant of £372 million, while Enfield receives £10 million less with the higher population of 320,000.

The Council instructs the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care together with the Shadow Cabinet Member to write jointly to the Secretary of State for Health requesting him to review the funding mechanism and allocate available monies in a more equal manner across London. The Council also calls upon Enfield’s three Members of Parliament to support the Council in seeking a revision of the formula.”

Motion 12.7 In the name of Councillor Dinah Barry:

“This Council believes that the Bus Services Bill is yet another example of the Government’s hypocritical attitude to Local Authorities.

We were told that the Localism Act aimed to devolve more decision making powers from Central government back into the hands of individuals, communities and councils.

However, since it was passed, Central Government have overridden decisions made by Local authorities and reduced our powers. Local authorities can no longer open new schools - and soon we won’t even be able to run any; we are forced to sell off our housing stock and to allow development even when it may not be in the interest of our residents. And now Local authorities are to be effectively banned from setting up new bus companies.

Most of our buses are run by TfL but a significant number of our residents need to travel to and from Hertfordshire, especially Waltham Cross, by bus.

We therefore ask the Leader to write to Lord Ahmad and to call on the Department for Transport to omit Clause 21 from the final legislation of the Bus Services Bill; to write to our local MPs: David Burrowes, Kate Osamor and Joan Ryan to ask them to oppose clause 21 when the Bus Services Bill reaches the House of Commons and ask them to write to Lord Ahmad and the Department of Transport to raise concerns about Clause 21.”

Motion 12.8 In the name of Councillor Alessandro Georgiou:

“The people of the United Kingdom have voted to leave the European Union. Therefore the Council resolves that the flag of the EU should be removed from the flag pole on the civic centre premises and replaced with the Union Flag of the United Kingdom’s of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.”

Motion 12.9 In the name of Councillor Alessandro Georgiou:

“This Council resolves that the National Anthem of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland should have time reserved to be sung during the beginning of each Full Council Meeting.”

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COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME

1.1 Urgent Questions

The Mayor agreed to accept the following as an urgent question to Council:

Question from Councillor Neville to Councillor Taylor (Leader of the Council):

“Does Councillor Taylor believe it is acceptable for Councillor Chibah, as Vice Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the membership of which attracts an additional Special Responsibility Allowance of £8,600, to manage

attendance of only 37.5% of all meetings of that committee since May 2016, and what steps does he propose to take to ensure that council tax payers get value for their money from her membership of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee?"

A written response would be provided by the Leader after the meeting.

1.2 Questions by Councillors

NOTED

1. The forty questions on the Council agenda and written responses provided by the relevant Cabinet members.

17

REVIEW OF PROPORTIONALITY ARRANGEMENTS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

1.1 Review of Council Proportionality Arrangements, following a change in political balance on the Council

AGREED to note the change in the political balance and proportionality on the Council and the proposed changes in committee membership set out below.

1.2 Changes to Committee Memberships

AGREED to confirm the following changes to committee memberships:

- **Edmonton Partnership Working Party** – The appointment of Councillor Savva.
- **Licensing Sub Committee** – The appointment of Councillor Bambos Charalambous and the removal of one of the Labour vacancies in accordance with the Proportionality Review.
- **Staff Appeals Panel** – The removal of one of the Labour vacancies in accordance with the Proportionality Review.

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NOMINATIONS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

AGREED to confirm the following changes to the nominations to outside bodies:

- **London Housing Consortium** – Councillor Ahmet Oykener to be appointed as agreed at Cabinet on 15 June 2016 and also Councillor Jansev Jemal.
- **Enfield Independence and Wellbeing Limited** - Councillor Alev Cazimoglu (Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care) and Lorraine

Davis (Assistant Director Adult Health and Social Care) to be appointed to the Executive Board.

- **Edmonton United Charities** – Councillors Erin Celebi, Suna Hurman and Andrew Stafford to remain members and Councillors Ali Bakir and Jim Steven to be removed, due to changes to the Edmonton United Charities Terms of Reference.

**19
CALLED IN DECISIONS**

None received.

**20
DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

The date of the next Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 25 January 2016.

**21
EXCLUSION OF 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 Item 1 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).

**22
REFURBISHMENT AND RE-PROVISION OF ENFIELD HIGHWAY
LIBRARY BUILDING**

This report was withdrawn.

**23
HOUSING GATEWAY LIMITED - INCREASED BUDGET ENVELOPE**

Councillor Lemonides moved and Councillor Oykenner seconded the part 2 report of the Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Services on the Housing Gateway Limited Budget Envelope. (Report No: 141)

NOTED

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1. This report was considered in conjunction with the part 1 report number 140. (See also Minute)
2. Most of the issues had already been addressed during the earlier discussion on the part 1 report.
3. The Council was also planning to build 10,000 new homes and to create new sustainable communities.
4. The financial model was currently being reviewed to see if more savings could be made. Research on ways to extract capital value, without making people homeless, was taking place but the Council needs to be aware of the human misery which was continuing. There were currently over 1,700 people in overnight temporary accommodation.
5. The concerns of the Opposition in relation to the rise in the amount of borrowing, the cost of this borrowing and the possibility that interest rates would rise which could have a large impact on the borough and might result in further cuts to services or increases in Council tax.
6. The majority party response that the Council had not exceeded its safe borrowing limits and that if there were problems with the scheme, the Council would always be able to sell the properties, assets which were increasing in value all the time.

The recommendations in the report were put to the vote and agreed with the following result:

For: 31

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Councillor Taylor
Councillor Uzoanya

Against: 19

Councillor Celebi
Councillor Chamberlain
Councillor Delman
Councillor Dines
Councillor Fallart
Councillor Alessandro Georgiou
Councillor E Hayward
Councillor R Hayward
Councillor Hurer
Councillor Jukes
Councillor Laban
Councillor Lavender
Councillor Milne
Councillor Neville
Councillor AM Pearce
Councillor Rye
Councillor Smith
Councillor Steven
Councillor Vince

Abstentions: 0

AGREED

1. To approve new borrowing by the Council in 2016-17 of up to £21.44m and to on lend this to Housing Gateway Limited (HGL) in accordance with the facility letter to allow the purchase of additional units. This will require an addition to the existing capital programme fully funded by repayments from HGL.
2. To note that the Leader had agreed under the Cabinet Urgent Action procedure to recommend that Council agree the additional loan of £21.44 to HGL, funded by new borrowing.

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3. To note that savings were expected to be achieved from the reduction nightly paid accommodation. These would help to contain the forecast cost pressure in temporary accommodation budgets.