

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY 2017**

COUNCILLORS

PRESENT

Bernadette Lappage (Mayor), Christine Hamilton (Deputy Mayor), Abdul Abdullahi, Daniel Anderson, Ali Bakir, Yasemin Brett, Alev Cazimoglu, Nesil Cazimoglu, Erin Celebi, Lee Chamberlain, Bambos Charalambous, Jason Charalambous, Katherine Chibah, Lee David-Sanders, Dogan Delman, Nick Dines, Guney Dogan, Sarah Doyle, Christiana During, Patricia Ekechi, Nesimi Erbil, 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, Toby Simon, Alan Sitkin, Edward Smith, Andrew Stafford, Jim Steven, Claire Stewart, Haydar Ulus and Glynis Vince

ABSENT

Dinah Barry, Chris Bond and Ozzie Uzoanya

1

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

Not required.

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THE MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN TO GIVE A BLESSING

The Mayor's Chaplain, Hazel Miall, from Christ Church, Southgate, gave the blessing.

3

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

The Mayor made the following announcements:

February had been a busy month for the mayoral team, and the Mayor began by thanking the officers, her consorts, the deputy mayor and her consort for their support and the people of Enfield for their wonderful invitations.

1. Past Engagements

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- 1.1 Commemoration of Holocaust Memorial Day – led ably by Councillor Levy with wonderful musical performances. The Mayor said that no-one could help but be moved as they remembered those who had died in the Holocaust.
- 1.2 Presentations:
 - Supporting local schools who had taken part in poetry and public speaking competitions.
 - Presenting awards to girl guides at the Millfield Theatre as part of the Jack Petchey award scheme.
 - Awarding medals and prizes at the Dugdale Centre to those who had taken part in the Christmas Parade of Lights on 27 November 2016, bringing Christmas to the borough.
- 1.3 Kurdish Community Breakfast and Mosque Open Days – The Mayor reported that she had attended the Mevlana Rumi Mosque and the Almasjid Trust Mosque with Councillors Georgiou, Sitkin, Ekechi and Jiagge.
- 1.4 Dinner with the Sisters of the Holy Family Convent in London Road: an evening learning about the sacrifices that the founder sisters had made in Poland to save the lives of the men of the town where they had settled. This was an astonishing story with particular relevance to the upcoming International Women's Day on 8 March 2017.
- 1.5 Chickenshed Theatre Fundraiser – a wonderful evening showcasing outstanding Enfield talent. All had loved the performance of her son, in particular.
- 1.6 Opening of the New Lidl supermarket in the Hertford Road – a lovely morning.
- 1.7 Attending the Islam Exhibition at the Enfield Mosque in Ponders End. The Mayor thanked the imams for their welcome.

2. Enfield Sounds Great Charity

Future fundraising projects included St Patrick's Eve Celebrations (16 March 2017) and the Mayor's Spring Ball at the Royal Chase Hotel on 25 March 2017. All were invited. There was to be wonderful live music as well as a surprise live performance. One of the tables would be sponsored by local businesses and would be occupied by a mixture of guests from the Metropolitan Police, Fire Service, NHS, local volunteers and veterans.

Tickets for the ball are on sale through the Mayor's Office.

3. International Women's Day

There will be a major event at the Millfield Theatre, organised by the Mayor, Councillor Brett and Councillor Doyle as well as other events through the day including in the evening a film on the suffragettes at the Fox Pub in Palmers Green.

Enfield Town Football club would be supporting the “Women at the Game Initiative”, on the following weekend (Saturday 4 March 2017) offering free entry to women and girls – an initiative to encourage women to go to a football match.

4. WASPI (Women Against State Pension Inequality)

The Mayor paid tribute to all the women involved in the WASPI Campaign, the solidarity shown to each other in Enfield and to the Leader of the Council for his part in lobbying the Government on this issue.

The Mayor also paid tribute to all the female politicians in Enfield reminding everyone that it was not until 1928 that women were fully granted equal voting rights. She also welcomed the appointment of Cressida Dick, recently appointed the first female Commissioner of Scotland Yard.

The Mayor quoted Emmeline Pankhurst “We are not here because we are law breakers; we are here in our effort to become law makers.”

5. Award to Charlotte Culling

The Mayor congratulated Charlotte Culling, a young apprentice working in the walled garden at Forty Hall, and invited her to the front of the chamber to receive an award. Charlotte had been so hardworking and conscientious and had shown such a passion for gardening that the Friends of Forty Hall Park had decided to give her one of their few awards.

6. Death of Former Councillors Terry Smith and Ian McCann, and Freeman of the Borough Sam Bell

Councillor Taylor said a few words in memory of Sam Bell who had been awarded Freeman of the Borough in 2003. Sam had been a gentle and welcoming man who had dedicated much time to Enfield Racial Equality Council as well as other causes and also served as a governor of Capel Manor College. He had made a huge contribution to racial equality and would be sorely missed.

Councillor Neville said a few words in memory of Terry Smith who had served on the Council for two terms. He had been, whilst outspoken at times, a dedicated, hardworking councillor who had served on various committees. When the party had been in control, he had never hesitated to say what he felt it necessary. He sadly passed away quite quickly. The funeral will be held on the 9 March 2017.

Councillor Rye said a few words in memory of Councillor Ian McCann. Councillor Ian McCann had been a good, staunchly loyal ward councillor who had worked together well with former Councillor Yates in Chase Ward. He had moved away from Enfield some time ago, but had continued to serve as a councillor in the Midlands. He will be sadly missed.

A minutes silence was held in their honour.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25 JANUARY 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 January 2017 were agreed as a correct record.

5

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Barry and Bond and from Councillor Lavender for lateness.

6

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Before inviting members to declare any interests, the Mayor asked Asmat Hussain (Assistant Director Legal and Governance) to make a short statement regarding the declaration of interests' requirements in relation to agenda item 6 Budget Report 2017/18 and Medium Term Financial Plan.

Council noted:

1. Under guidance issued by the Department of Communities and Local Government members would not be required to declare a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPA) in relation to the budget or setting of the Council Tax. This was on the basis that Council Tax liability would apply to the borough's population as a whole, with councillors not having any unique position in that regard. The requirements within Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 would, however, still apply, which required any Member who was two or more months 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. No declarations in this respect were made at the meeting.
2. The Councillor Conduct Committee (May 2013) had also granted a dispensation for all members in terms of the declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests relating to the setting of housing rents.

Subject to the requirements within Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, this would allow all members to participate in the debate and vote on decisions relating to the setting of the Council Tax and Housing Rents.

Having noted the advice provided, the following declaration of interests were made at the meeting:

- Councillors Stewart and Maguire declared disclosable pecuniary interests in item 8 on account of their employment by Unison.
- Councillor Laban declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 6 as she was employed by the Greater London Authority.

7

BUDGET REPORT 2017/18 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2017/18 TO 2020/21

Councillor Taylor moved and Councillor Lemonides seconded the report of the Executive Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Services (171A) presenting for approval the Budget for 2017/18 and the Medium Term Financial Plan.

NOTED

1. Recommendations 2.1 – 2.12 had been endorsed and recommended onto Council for formal approval by Cabinet on 8 February 2017.
2. The revised Appendix 10 to the report as tabled at the meeting.
3. The report would need to be considered in conjunction with Report No: 204A on the Part 2 Council agenda (Min ??? refers).
4. The following comments highlighted by the Leader of the Council:
 - a. He could not excuse the way that the Government, since 2010, had systematically reduced the support to public services. Local Government was the bedrock of public provision from cradle to grave and had served this country well.
 - b. The current Government was cutting so hard and so deep that he felt that the fabric of local provision was on the brink of collapse.
 - c. Budgets should be about improving services but local government was being defined by Conservative financial mismanagement and continuing austerity policies. It was now 10 years since the financial crash and things ought to be improving. Instead Government deficits are increasing and services being cut.
 - d. Local Authorities were being instructed that they must find the extra money for social care but this will mean further cuts, dirtier streets, less public provision, riskier child protection and closure of voluntary sector initiatives.

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- e. The Conservatives' ideological desire to shrink the state and hand over services to a marketised, privatised and unaccountable system, making services uncompetitive, under-resourced and overburdened is overriding the needs of ordinary people.
 - f. Despite the difficult times he felt that there have been achievements to celebrate including the Meridian Water proposals, new housing opportunities, the provision of social care and children's services to thousands of people, improvements to schools, keeping parks and playgrounds open and the streets clean.
 - g. This has been achieved through sound financial management and despite the lack of fair funding for Enfield. If the Council had the same level of funding as Westminster we would have an extra £86m.
 - h. The administration were resolved to manage the authorities money carefully and would take tough action on the overspend. Many other London boroughs were also struggling to maintain spending within budgets.
 - i. Enfield was good at collecting council taxes increasing the collection rate and reducing arrears by 2.1m.
 - j. Having set a zero increase Council tax for 7 years it was with reluctance that he was proposing at 1.99% increase plus 3% social care precept which would add £1.10 per week to the average band D property. In contrast Government cuts since 2010 equate to £710 per household.
 - k. To meet adult social care pressures the council needed an extra £8.6m for social care and an extra £2.5m for Children's Services. To note that the Leader of Surrey County Council had been looking for a 15% increase in Council Tax to help pay for social care.
 - l. Enfield had taken tough decisions to keep the impact on the residents as low as possible. They had borrowed to invest and improve Enfield for housing and jobs, improving the quality of life while the Government have borrowed to fund austerity.
 - m. The Leader recommended the budget to Council and looked forward to a costed alternative from the opposition.
5. The comments of the Majority Group:
- a. Thanks to Council officers for their support and efforts in delivery of the budget proposals alongside the key achievements made by the current administration as highlighted by individual Cabinet Members.
 - b. To acknowledge that if Enfield had been funded fairly and received the same funding as Westminster, they would have had £86m more per year to spend on council services.

- c. To acknowledge the huge reductions in health care funding which was felt to be a national crisis: Enfield had received that second largest percentage reduction of any council in England. Enfield health and social care services were in need of significant and sustained investment. This was a time of unprecedented demand on all the health and social care services not forgetting people with learning disabilities.
- d. To acknowledge the challenges presented by the unprecedented cuts to the services to children, young people and schools despite historical underfunding which the department were working well to address: in 2016/17, 97% of schools had been judged good or better. Next year would be even more difficult for education as a result of the £3m cut in the direct schools grant.
- e. Pride in the record on housing and innovative alternatives being developed to fund housing needs. The provision of new housing on the small sites and the new properties being built on the Alma Estate. A start on the 16,000 new homes planned. To acknowledge the £1.5 a year savings being made by Housing Gateway in providing homes for the homeless: over 400 new properties had been bought.
- f. The value of work of local government in supporting local people, delivering good services and bringing communities together and the failure of the Opposition to lobby for more money for Enfield and support for Government cuts.
- g. To recognise the improving investment in the cultural portfolio and the importance of the voluntary sector in meeting the increasing needs of vulnerable people, despite significant government cuts and systematic underfunding.
- h. To acknowledge the need to focus on Government cuts to the public health budget and to continue to fight to receive the funding that the services deserved, to tackle growing public health problems such as smoking, obesity and drug and alcohol addiction. To acknowledge that Enfield received less than half the funding of other areas: the London Borough of Kensington and Chelsea received £130 per head for public health, compared to Enfield's £40. To be able to continue with the excellent public safety work carried out in association with the Police on gangs and domestic abuse.
- i. Innovative regeneration policies in Enfield had resulted in an increase in the employment rate which was now above the national average. The desire to do more to help the high street and continue with projects such as Jobsnet which were under threat as a result of proposals to close the Job Centre Plus in Edmonton.
- j. In response to the comment made about the lack of funding for highway improvements to point out that money for highway improvements was

shown in the indicative budget. To make members aware of achievements in environmental services: that there had been improvements in recycling rates at Barrowell Green, provision of new play facilities, 500 new trees planted, sustainable urban drainage systems piloted, Enfield had been judged best in London for parking and the Cycle Enfield Programme.

6. The following issues highlighted by the Opposition Group:
 - a. The opposition to the budget as a whole and the assertion that they could not support the proposed 1.99% general increase in Council Tax but would support the 3% increase for Adult Social Care.
 - b. The concern about what they saw as the poor record of the Labour administration's financial management of the Council and incompetence in the delivery of services: including shortcomings in housing, poor treatment of tenants and their representatives, ignoring residents' objections to policies such as Cycle Enfield, difficulties in communication, failure to plan ahead and their irresponsible borrowing programme.
 - c. To recognise that it was not the role of the Opposition to put forward an alternative budget. Instead principles would be put forward which should have guided decision making. A key concern was the failure to take seriously the reductions in the Revenue Support Grant signalled early by the Coalition Chancellor of the Exchequer in 2010. To acknowledge that the administration should have tackled the overspend earlier in the year when it first became apparent.
 - d. To recognise that the budget increase would have been less if there had not been a £6.2m overspend, due to a failure to control budgets, and if the new Labour Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, had not imposed an increase in the GLA precept.
 - e. To acknowledge that the administration could not continue to blame the Government for the financial situation and that the authority should take responsibility for their own financial decision making live within their means. Other Councils had suffered from similar funding cuts and had found innovative ways of delivering services including sharing services to save money.
 - f. To acknowledge failures, incompetence and mismanagement including the failure to collect revenue which could have prevented the proposed cuts to parks expenditure, welcoming the proposal to remove the funding for the Market Gardening Initiative, the failures in the introduction of the new call centre, the three failed procurements at Elizabeth House and delay in opening the new care home resulting in a loss in prospective revenue.

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- g. The need to acknowledge the huge increase in borrowing which had more than doubled since 2010. The community based investment was uncharted water for which the Council had little experience, the lack of provision of dilapidated highways and the view that the Council was not taking forward the things that needed to be done.
 - h. To be aware of the feeling of discrimination felt by and the impact of the cuts on parents and carers of young people with Special Educational Needs including cuts in Special Educational Needs transport, support packages for vulnerable young people leaving care, and those with special guardianship orders who do not receive the same support as main stream foster carers.
 - i. While acknowledging reductions in Government funding for revenue and support for the London Living Wage, there was dismay at the loss of experienced staff and the reduction of staff numbers by 17%, the money spent on agency staff, the pay card payments to gift websites, posting pay slips, the lack of joined up thinking in for example posting out letters at the same time as hand delivering electoral registration information.
 - j. Concern about the huge capital commitments on Meridian Water, Estate renewal and Housing Gateway. About the high expenditure and what was seen as incompetence in the housing area, in the relatively few new homes built so far, the large numbers of unlet garages which represented a loss of income and which could have been replaced with new housing.
 - k. To acknowledge that Government funding for education had been maintained with an increase in the direct schools grant, more funds for early years, help for working parents and for those with high needs and concern about ENSEN (the company set up to provide services to schools).
7. Councillor Taylor's summing up, lamenting the failure of the Opposition to produce an alternative budget and commending the budget to Councillors as the best protection for local residents.
8. The Mayor's refusal to accept the amendment proposed by Councillor Alessandro Georgiou due to time constraints.
9. During the debate Councillor A Georgiou proposed and Councillor Stewart seconded a proposal to extend the time available for the budget debate by 10 minutes. This was agreed.

Following the debate, the recommendations in the report were put to the vote and approved with the following results.

AGREED

- 1. With regard to the revenue budget for 2017/18:

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- a. To set the Council Tax Requirement for Enfield at £114.169m in 2017/18
 - b. To set the Council Tax at Band D for Enfield's services for 2017/18 at £1,201.23 (paragraph 8.1), (b1) being a 1.99% general Council Tax increase and (b2) 3.00% Adult Social Care Precept.
 - c. To approve the statutory calculations and resolutions set out in Appendix 10.
- 2 With regard to the Prudential Code and the Capital Programme:
 - a. To note the information regarding the requirements of the Prudential Code (as detailed in section 9 of the report
 - b. To agree the Approved Capital Programme for 2016/17 to 2020/21 as set out in section 9 (and Appendix 9).
 - c. To note the Indicative Capital Programme and to agree that these indicative programmes be reviewed in the light of circumstances at the time
 - d. To agree the Prudential Indicators, the Treasury Management Strategy, the Minimum Revenue Provision policy and the criteria for investments set out in section 9 of the report and Appendices 4 & 5.
3. To agree the Medium Term Financial Plan, including the savings proposals set out in Appendix 2, and adopts the key principles set out in paragraph 10.9 of the report .
4. With regard to the robustness of the 2017/18 budget and the adequacy of the Council's earmarked reserves and balances:
 - a. To note the risks and uncertainties inherent in the 2017/18 budget and the Medium Term Financial Plan (sections 10 & 11) and agrees the actions in hand to mitigate them.
 - b. To note the advice of the Executive Director of Finance, Resources & 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.
 - c. To agree the recommended levels of central contingency and general balances (section 12 of the report).
5. To agree the Schools Budget for 2017/18 (Section 5.11 and Appendix 13).
6. To agree the Fees and Charges for Environmental Services for 2017/18 (Section 10.12 and Appendix 12 to the report)
7. To agree the Fees and Charges for Adult Social Care Services for 2017/18 (Sec. 10.13 and Appendix 11), subject to consultation.

8. That the New Homes Bonus is applied as a one-off contribution to the General Fund in 2017/18.
9. To agree 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). To note that, in using this flexibility, £2m of capital receipts have 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.
10. To note that the Council signed up to the Government's four-year funding offer during 2016/17 and published an efficiency plan (Appendix 15 to the report). As such, it is not expected that the future years' Government funding figures shown in this report will change.
11. To note the feedback and minutes from the Budget Consultation and Overview and Scrutiny Committee Budget Meeting on 19 January 2017 as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

In accordance with standing order regulations 2014 the vote was recorded in relation to the decisions in (1b2, 5, 7, 8, 10 and 11)

For: 56

Councillor Abdul Abdullahi
Councillor Daniel Anderson
Councillor Yasemin Brett
Councillor Alev Cazimoglu
Councillor Nesil Cazimoglu
Councillor Erin Celebi
Councillor Lee Chamberlain
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Councillor Elaine Hayward
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Councillor Derek Levy
Councillor Mary Maguire
Councillor Don McGowan
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Councillor Toby Simon
Councillor Alan Sitkin
Councillor Edward Smith
Councillor Andrew Stafford
Councillor Claire Stewart
Councillor Jim Steven
Councillor Doug Taylor
Councillor Haydar Ulus
Councillor Glynis Vince

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

The vote recorded in regard to recommendations 1 a, b1, c, 2, 3, 4, 6, and 9 was as follows:

For: 34

Councillor Abdul Abdullahi
Councillor Daniel Anderson
Councillor Yasemin Brett
Councillor Alev Cazimoglu
Councillor Nesil Cazimoglu
Councillor Bambos Charalambous
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Councillor Andrew Stafford
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Councillor Doug Taylor
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Against: 22

Councillor Erin Celebi
Councillor Lee Chamberlain
Councillor Jason Charalambous
Councillor Lee David-Sanders
Councillor Dogan Delman
Councillor Nick Dines
Councillor Peter Fallart
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Councillor Daniel Pearce
Councillor Michael Rye
Councillor Edward Smith
Councillor Jim Steven

Councillor Glynis Vince

Abstentions: 0

Councillor Joanne Laban declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item in relation to her employment at the GLA.

8

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

Councillor Ahmet Oykenor proposed and Councillor Pite seconded the report of the Executive Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Services and the Executive Director of Regeneration and Environment presenting for approval the revenue estimates of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) for 2017/18 and the updated position on the HRA 30 year business plan. (Report No: 195)

NOTED

1. That the recommendations in the report had been endorsed and approved for recommendation onto Council by Cabinet on 8 February 2017.
2. The plan had been written at a time when resources were tightly constrained and there was much uncertainty about Government housing policy, including proposals about the enforced sale of high value voids.
3. Thanks to the officers who had worked so hard on the housing revenue account and producing the plan, making their way through the complexities of changing legislation.
4. The one percent reduction in Council house rents, while good for tenants, had caused problems for the Council who were to receive millions less in housing income. Increases in service charges had been discussed with the Customer Voice who had welcomed the better services. Gas charges would stay the same or reduce but electricity costs were due to increase by 16% as a result of Brexit.
5. Capital funding of £234.8m had been set aside for major works and estate renewal schemes.
6. Concerns about the many vulnerable people for whom housing was an issue and praise for the work being done to provide more housing despite constraints.
7. Concerns of the Opposition in relation to:

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- a. Whilst supporting the rises in gas and electricity which were due to market volatility, concern in relation to the 8% increase in service charges.
 - b. The 5 year capital programme in the light of lack of progress on previously approved spending. That there has been substantial slippage needs to be recognised and addressed in any future works. The programme cannot be endorsed.
 - c. Looking at numbers of homes that have actually been completed, many of these were part of the Highlands development, started under the Conservative administration, very few have been provided by the Labour administration.
 - d. About the spiralling need for temporary accommodation which has been inadequately addressed with very few new houses provided for social rent.
8. The response from the Cabinet Member for Housing and Estate Regeneration that the Council had been able to redefine the meaning of affordable rent (defined as 80% of marketable local rent under the Government) into a more meaningful figure – a real affordable rent - based on local housing elements. The numbers of housing units quoted did not include the many built by partners such as the Notting Hill Housing Trust.

AGREED

1. To approve the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) 30-Year Business Plan.
2. To approve the detailed HRA revenue budget for 2017/18.
3. To approve the HRA Capital Programme and Right to Buy (RTB) One for One Receipts Programme 2017/18 to 2021/22.
4. To note the rent levels for 2017/18 for HRA and temporary accommodation properties.
5. To approve the level of service charges for 2017/18 for those properties receiving the services.
6. To approve the heating charges for 2017/18 for those properties on communal heating systems and the proposed mid-year review.
7. To approve of the proposals for increases in garages and parking bay rents.
8. To 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.

Councillors Stewart and Maguire declared disclosable pecuniary interests in this item in relation to their employment at Unison.

9

REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF STATUTORY PAY POLICY STATEMENT

Councillor Simon proposed and Councillor Lemonides seconded a report of the Assistant Director of Human Resources presenting the Council's statutory pay policy for consideration and approval. (Report No: 212)

NOTED

1. That the pay policy statement had been considered and approved for recommendation on to Council by the Remuneration Sub Committee on 31 January 2017.
2. The key change from last year was the creation of a new grade at director level and more senior heads of service to allow more flexibility at the senior level.
3. It was a requirement of the Localism Act 2011 that Council review the policy annually.
4. Councillor Neville added that Opposition members had contributed to the discussion at the Remuneration Sub Committee and they were content with the proposed changes.

AGREED the amendments to the statutory Pay Policy Statement attached as Appendix 1 of the report.

10

ICT CAPITAL INVESTMENT 2017-2020

Councillor Lemonides proposed and Councillor Achilleas Georgiou seconded the report of the Chief Executive and the Executive Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Services outlining the proposed next phase of ICT investment. (Report No: 157A)

NOTED

1. That Cabinet (14 December 2016) agreed to recommend that Council approve this addition to the Capital Programme.
2. The report is proposing that the Council spend £32m over 3 years to improve ICT: £9m on technical infrastructure and £23m on systems replacement.
3. The investment will enable the Council to undertake a range of activities including improving the customer service on the website, replacing a key support system, making the Council more efficient and able to share data across services more effectively.

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4. It will place ICT investment funding on a more secure footing to enable the Council to meet the digital needs of major service areas.
5. The concerns of the Opposition:
 - a. That the proposal had not been included in last year's capital programme and that the poor organisation and lack of advanced planning revealed.
6. That ICT spending in the past had come from department underspends. This proposal was more honest, open and transparent setting out ICT spending for the next 3 years.
7. The Mayor refused the Opposition's request for a roll call vote due to the need to stick to the timed agenda and time constraints. The Opposition asked for their names to be recorded in the minutes.

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

For: 33

Against: 21

Councillor Erin Celebi
Councillor Lee Chamberlain
Councillor Jason Charalambous
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Councillor Ertan Hurer
Councillor Eric Jukes
Councillor Joanne Laban
Councillor Andy Milne
Councillor Terence Neville
Councillor Anne Marie Pearce
Councillor Daniel Pearce
Councillor Michael Rye
Councillor Edward Smith
Councillor Jim Steven
Councillor Glynis Vince

Abstentions: 0

AGREED

1. To approve, following the recommendation made by Cabinet on 14 December 2016, the addition of £32m to the capital programme for ICT capital requirement over the 3 years 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20.
2. To note that this will need to be met from Council borrowing.

11 MOTIONS

Urgent Motion

Council noted that the Mayor has agreed to accept the following as 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:

- It was not possible to submit this motion within the normal timescale as notification of the consultation was only received after the deadline for submission of ordinary motions had passed.
- It is not possible for consideration of this matter to await the next Council meeting, as this is scheduled for 6th April and this next stage of the Boundary Commission for England consultation process concludes before then on 27th March 2017.

Motion in the name of Councillor Jemal

Councillor Jemal proposed and Councillor Bambos Charalambous seconded the following motion:

“This Council notes that the second stage of consultation on responses to the initial proposals for the 2018 Parliamentary Constituency Boundary review is due to begin on Tuesday 28th February. The consultation is being undertaken by the Boundary Commission for England and concludes on Monday 27th March. The initial consultation closed in December 2016 and the Boundary Commission are now requesting responses commenting on the submissions from this first stage of consultation.

In view of the timescale for the second stage of consultation, Council empowers the Electoral Review Panel to co-ordinate and prepare a response on behalf of the London Borough of Enfield for approval by the Leader of the Council calling on the Boundary Commission to reconsider its initial proposals in order to better reflect the needs of the local area.”

Following a short debate Councillor Neville proposed and Councillor seconded an amendment that the Leader of the Opposition should also approve the response calling on the Boundary Commission to reconsider its initial proposals.

The amended motion was agreed without a vote.

CHANGE IN THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councillor Stewart moved and Councillor Bambos Charalambous seconded a change in the order of business so that item 10.4 followed by 10.5 should be taken as the next item of business.

This was agreed with the following result:

For: 32

Against: 20

Abstentions: 0

Motion 10.4 In the name of Councillor Alan Sitkin

Councillor Sitkin proposed and Councillor Ekechi seconded the following motion:

“Enfield Council calls on the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) to immediately reverse its decision to close the Upper Edmonton Job Centre Plus (JCP) and commit to collaborating with the Council in providing residents in this part of the borough with the employability services that they merit and require. Enfield Council prioritises the regeneration of this deprived area, including through the excellent local career opportunities we have engineered through the Meridian Water project. JCP is a key partner in this effort and must maintain its high street presence.”

During the debate Councillor Stewart proposed and Councillor Taylor seconded a motion that the question now be put. This was agreed without a vote.

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

For: 32

Against: 21

Abstentions: 0

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CHANGE IN THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councillor Stewart moved and Councillor Bambos Charalambous seconded the proposal under paragraph 2.2(B) of the Council procedure rules to change the order of items in the agenda to take item 17 on the part 2 agenda as the next item of business.

The change in the order was agreed without a vote.

The minutes reflect the order of the meeting.

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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 17 listed on Part 2 of the agenda on the grounds that it involves 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 Lemonides proposed and Councillor Anderson seconded the report of the Executive Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Services seeking approval, as part of the 2017/18 Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan to fees and charges for Environmental Services. (Report No: 204A)

NOTED

1. The report was considered in conjunction with Report No: 194A on the part 1 agenda.
2. The recommendation set out in the report was endorsed and recommended for approval to Council at the Cabinet meeting held on 8 February 2017.
3. The information in the report was concerned with the fees for environmental services which were being considered in part 2 due to commercial sensitivities.
4. The concern of the Opposition, who would be opposing the fees, in relation to:
 - a. The increase in the fees and charges including the high fees proposed for planning advice when it was so difficult for members of the public to speak to officers on the telephone.
 - b. The complaints of residents that they cannot speak to anyone at the Council.
5. Fees were assessed on the basis of 4 elements, the full cost of the service, inflation, statutory fees and benchmarking information.
6. The new fee structure for planning better reflected the time and input of officers and should improve the customer experience.

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Following the debate the recommendations were put to the vote and agreed with the following result:

For: 33

Councillor Abdul Abdullahi
Councillor Daniel Anderson
Councillor Yasemin Brett
Councillor Alev Cazimoglu
Councillor Nesil Cazimoglu
Councillor Bambos Charalambous
Councillor Katherine Chibah
Councillor Guney Dogan
Councillor Sarah Doyle
Councillor Christiana During
Councillor Pat Ekechi
Councillor Turgut Esendagli
Councillor Krystle Fonyonga
Councillor Achilleas Georgiou
Councillor Christine Hamilton
Councillor Ahmet Hasan
Councillor Suna Hurman
Councillor Jansev Jemal
Councillor Doris Jiagge
Councillor Nneka Keazor
Councillor Adeline Kepez
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 Toby Simon
Councillor Andrew Stafford
Councillor Claire Stewart
Councillor Doug Taylor

Against: 20

Councillor Erin Celebi
Councillor Lee Chamberlain
Councillor Jason Charalambous
Councillor Lee David-Sanders
Councillor Dogan Delman
Councillor Peter Fallart
Councillor Alessandro Georgiou
Councillor Elaine Hayward
Councillor Robert Hayward

Councillor Ertan Hurer
Councillor Eric Jukes
Councillor Joanne Laban
Councillor Andy Milne
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Councillor Anne Marie Pearce
Councillor Daniel Pearce
Councillor Michael Rye
Councillor Edward Smith
Councillor Jim Steven
Councillor Glynis Vince

Abstentions: 0

AGREED 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 & safety fees and charges for environmental services are agreed as set out in Section 3.1 and Appendix 1 to the report.

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DURATION OF COUNCIL MEETING

The Mayor advised, at this stage of the meeting, that the time available to complete the agenda had now elapsed so Council Procedure Rule 9 would apply.

NOTED that in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9 (page 4-8 – Part 4), the remaining items of business on the Council agenda were considered without debate.

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MOTIONS

NOTED in accordance with Council procedure rule 9 the remaining motions lapsed due to lack of time:

Motion 10.1 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 of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.”

Motion 10.2 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.”

Motion 10.3 In the name of Councillor Terry Neville

“Borough residents were once again exposed to an unnecessary and pointless 24 hour strike on the London Underground in January, including the Piccadilly Line locally, which brought chaos to our capital and put extra pressure on other transport services. As with previous disputes this strike served only to inflict the maximum inconvenience and misery on hard working Londoners trying to get to and from their place of work.

The Council condemns the actions of the Transport Unions involved, and calls upon the Government to fully implement the relevant provisions of the Trade Union Act 2016 to further restrict the ability to take industrial action in the public transport sector.”

Motions 10.5 In the name of Councillor Ahmet Oyken

“The White Paper helpfully returns to an emphasis on affordable housing of all tenures, both rented and affordable homeownership. The government does now accept that the housing market is “broken” and so in this regard we are disappointed that the Paper did not go further. Whilst the Paper recognises the great role that Local Authorities can play in meeting the serious housing demand challenge it could and should have gone further. In particular we continue to ask for the government to allow councils to borrow against our assets which is the one measure which will truly enable a renaissance in housing building. There are different ways to do this so what I propose is we work together, meet the Minister, and agree a new deal which is right for the people of Enfield”.

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COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME

1.1 Urgent Questions

There were no urgent questions.

1.2 Questions by Councillors

NOTED the forty one questions on the Council agenda and the written responses provided by the relevant Cabinet members.

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COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

AGREED to note that Councillor Don McGowan had been appointed chair of the Local Pension Board following the decision at the last meeting for the name of the chair to be notified.

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NOMINATIONS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

AGREED to confirm the following change to the appointments to Outside Bodies:

- Enfield in Bloom: Councillor Robert Hayward to replace Councillor Daniel Pearce.

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CALLED IN DECISIONS

No called in decisions were discussed.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Council agreed to change the date of the next Council meeting from Wednesday 29 March to Thursday 6 April 2017 at 7pm at the Civic Centre.