

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 19 JUNE 2024**

**COUNCILLORS**

**PRESENT** Mohammad Islam, Abdul Abdullahi, Josh Abey, Nicki Adeleke, Gunes Akbulut, Mahmut Aksanoglu, Maria Alexandrou, Nawshad Ali, Mahym Bedekova, Nesil Caliskan, Alev Cazimoglu, Mustafa Cetinkaya, Chris Dey, Ergin Erbil, Susan Erbil, Peter Fallart, Thomas Fawns, Alessandro Georgiou, Patricia Gregory, Nelly Gyosheva, Ahmet Hasan, James Hockney, Suna Hurman, Chris James, Doris Jiagge, Chris Joannides, Destiny Karakus, Joanne Laban, Tim Leaver, Andy Milne, Gina Needs, Tom O'Halloran, Sabri Ozaydin, Paul Pratt, Michael Rye OBE, Julian Sampson, Ruby Sampson, George Savva MBE, David Skelton, Edward Smith, Jim Steven, Emma Supple, Doug Taylor, Andrew Thorp and Eylem Yuruk

**ABSENT** Margaret Greer, Kate Anolue, Chinelo Anyanwu, Sinan Boztas, Lee Chamberlain, Hivran Dalkaya, Guney Dogan, Hannah Dyson, Elif Erbil, Reece Fox, Adrian Grumi, Ayten Guzel, Stephanos Ioannou, Rick Jewell, Elisa Morreale, Ahmet Oykener, Bektas Ozer and Nia Stevens

**1  
ELECT A PERSON TO PRESIDE IF THE MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR  
ARE NOT PRESENT**

There was no business transacted under this item.

**2  
APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Kate Anolue, Chinelo Anyanwu, Lee Chamberlain, Hannah Dyson, Elif Erbil, Reece Fox, Margaret Greer, Adrian Grumi, Stephanos Ioannou, Rick Jewell, Elisa Morreale, and Ahmet Oykener.

Cllrs Sinan Boztas, Hivran Dalkaya, Ayten Guzel, Bektas Ozer, and Nia Stevens were absent from the meeting.

**3  
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made relating to any items on the agenda.

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## **HONORARY FREEDOM OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF ENFIELD CEREMONY**

Councillor Caliskan moved, and Councillor Georgiou seconded the following motion inviting the Council to confer the Freedom of the Borough on Christine Hamilton JP.

“That in pursuance of the Local Government Act 1972, The Honorary Freedom of the London Borough of Enfield be conferred upon:

### **Christine Hamilton JP**

In recognition of her long and valuable service to the community in the Borough. For her outstanding contribution as a councillor and Mayor and as an expression of the high esteem in which she is held.

Cllrs Cazimoglu, James, and Aksanoglu all spoke in support of the motion.

### **Councillor Nesil Caliskan**

“I am delighted to nominate Christine Hamilton for this award and a warm welcome to Christine and the other two nominees to the chamber once again.

It is my honour to nominate Christine Hamilton this evening for the Freeman of the Borough. I have known Christine and her husband Ian since I was a teenager and, in many ways, learnt my political activism from them and saw my political career develop with their guidance.

Above all though, I have observed Christine’s utter commitment to the community that she lives in and I’m so delighted that she’s able to be here in the chamber with her family and her grandchildren who I know she absolutely loves and talks about with such passion and is intrinsically linked to her commitment in Enfield too. First elected to Enfield Council in 2010, Christine served as the Mayor of Enfield in later years, and she also served as a Cabinet Member for Public Health and chaired the council’s inquiry into the 2011 London riots.

In every role that Christine has held, she has demonstrated the very best of serving our community and representing our local residents. She is incredibly hardworking and that has continued throughout, and she will call you out if you do not work hard so she demonstrates what she believes in. Christine is never afraid to speak her mind, represent residents and community groups, she will challenge officers and the administration. I want to take a moment to especially recognise the personal support that Christine has provided not only to me but to many female councillors who decided to run for public office for the London Borough of Enfield.

Christine is a long-standing supporter of Enfield Town Football Club, the UK’s first football club owned by its members, and she became the first female board member and has been part of the club’s recent success which includes

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a promotion into the national league stats. She loves music, so if she is not with the football club somewhere, she will be listening to live music somewhere in the borough.

Christine's dedication to public service throughout her career has been remarkable and she has made an exceptional contribution to the London Borough of Enfield. I know that many will recognise this as a small recognition for the contribution that she has made, and I have no doubt that Christine will continue to make further contributions to this borough. It is my absolute privilege to nominate her as a recipient of Freedom of the Borough".

### **Cllr Alessandro Georgiou**

"I am proud to second the nomination for Christine Hamilton to be the recipient of the Freedom of the London Borough of Enfield.

I would like to congratulate Cllr Dey on being nominated to be a candidate in Enfield North and Cllr Caliskan for being selected in Barking. I would also like to thank Cllr Caliskan and Dey for bringing this important ceremony back to Enfield after so many years.

Christine Hamilton has a long and proud history of being a councillor first elected in Enfield Lock and then in Enfield Highway representing residents as a dedicated local councillor without fear or favour no matter political views she was always there for them, and it is something that colleagues all across the chamber have been telling me.

She had a long and distinguished career in the NHS, an organisation that I know she is extremely proud of and continues to fight for. As a Cabinet Member, we heard of her dedication to her role and expanding the remit that she had as the Mayor of Enfield vigorously raising the money for her dedicated charities. One of the things I know once again, she was extremely proud of and told us about and updated us on before every meeting when she was Mayor.

It is safe to say that Christine has very strong political beliefs, but she is proud of that, and she was never ashamed, did not care what people thought and said it how it was.

Ian was incredibly supportive of Christine when she was a councillor, Deputy Mayor, Mayor and also politically especially while out campaigning which shows true love to do for ones partner on successive elections. I know that Christine has a deep love for her children and her grandchildren, and I know how proud they are of her.

So, for Christine, Ian, her children and her grandchildren, I congratulate them all from this side of the chamber. Well done".

### **Cllr Alev Cazimoglu**

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"I am absolutely honoured to speak in support of Christine Hamilton in being awarded the Freedom of the Borough. Terry, Glynis and Christine absolutely deserve to be recognised for their contribution to public life.

Originally from Wigan, Christine moved to London and made Enfield her home. Its where she raised her children and got stuck into her local community. Her mass sense of service took various forms; the NHS, the Trade Union movement, the Labour Party and most recently Enfield Town Football Club.

Regardless of the cause, her passion, commitment and perseverance has always been central to what she does. I got to know Christine when I became a Labour Party activist, and she immediately embraced me and my girls.

She embodied everything you wanted in a community champion; great politics and complete loyalty to the cause to the sisterhood. Bringing women on board has been central to everything she has done and many of us would not be in this chamber without Christine's guidance.

I hope Christine does not mind me saying this, but I could not let the occasion pass without acknowledging her wonderful husband Ian and I know who her best friend and the wind beneath her wings. Well done my friend, congratulations and thank you".

### **Cllr Chris James**

"I have known Christine for nearly 30 years. We first met when we were working for New River Health Authority as it was known then in the 1990s which subsequently became the Enfield and Haringey Health Authority. Chris was chair of the Unison branch and soon persuaded me to join. She was a frequent visitor to my office as at the time I was sharing it with the Unison branch secretary. She later persuaded me to become Vice Chair of the branch. We soon realised that we lived very close to one another and soon became friends outside work as well and her husband Ian is also friends with my husband. This is the reason I joined the Labour Party which I also did in the 1990s and we first campaigned together in the 1997 election, and we have campaigned together in many subsequent elections and many both national and local. After working for many years in the NHS, as soon as Chris retired, she became a magistrate and she then become a councillor in 2010 as well as becoming the Mayor of Enfield. As a lot of other colleagues have said her great love aside form politics is football. She is on the board of Enfield Town Football Club, the first and only woman to be elected to the board. One of her many roles is fundraising for the club and seeking out ways to raise money. She is also part of the Enfield town football club community sports development which is a charity which provides Saturday morning football schools for ages 4 to over 50s as well as those with special educational needs and disabilities.

Chris is a great fan of music and going to live gigs and can often be found in any local venue in Enfield which hosts live music, one thing I have come to know about Chris is that she never switches off. If we are out and about

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locally, she is always talking to people , asking them to support the club and advertising the programme of games.

Chris you are a true public servant, and I am proud to call you, my friend. Congratulations for this award”.

### **Cllr Mahmut Aksanoglu**

“It is a great privilege to support Labour’s very own Christine Hamilton tonight. Christine is Labour through and through. Since I joined the Labour Party in 2011, she has always been very welcoming and supportive. I have known Christine and her lovely husband Ian ever since I joined and our relationship has grown ever since.

Christine has shown the path to many of us to becoming councillors. She has become a champion for women to stand and become councillors which can be hard, but she gave so much support to every one of us.

Christine was first elected as a councillor in 2010 in Enfield Lock and then in Enfield Highway since 2014 until 2022. She served as a Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing and Public Health and was Mayor of Enfield in 2017 where she worked tremendously hard and gather a lot of support for her chosen charities. She always has a smile on her face whenever I see her, and she continues to smile no matter what. As mentioned previously, Christine is a long-standing supporter of Enfield Town Football Club and is currently the first female board member. She encourages us all to come to games and if we do not, she tells us off. Due to her links with the club, we as Southbury ward councillors where the club is situated, has enhanced our relationship with the club and we are grateful for her support. Im sure she will continue to represent the borough now and, in the future, and it is a great privilege to have her in the borough. All of us here in the chamber and the residents of Enfield are very proud to have her in the borough. Ian Hamilton is an amazing husband, always supporting her throughout no matter what they go through”.

The Mayor invited the Council to agree the motion, which had been moved and seconded and was unanimously **AGREED**.

Councillor Georgiou moved, and Councillor Taylor seconded the following motion inviting the Council to confer the Freedom of the Borough on Terry Neville OBE JP.

“That in pursuance of the Local Government Act 1972, The Honorary Freedom of the London Borough of Enfield be conferred upon:

**Terry Neville OBE JP**

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In recognition of his long and valuable service to the community in the Borough. For his outstanding contribution as Leader of the Opposition and as a councillor and as an expression of the high esteem in which he is held.

Cllrs Dey, Milne, and Joannides all spoke in support of the motion.

### **Cllr Alessandro Georgiou**

"I am proud to nominate Terry Neville OBE to become a Freeman of the London Borough of Enfield. After 36 years of service as a councillor for Winchmore Hill and then in Grange Ward, Cabinet Member and twice Leader of the Conservative Group, it is only right that Terry receives this honour for all he has done to better the lives of all the residents in Enfield.

Terry is the epitome of public service and decency in public life. Firstly, we should recognise the lasting legacy that Terry left as Cabinet Member for Environment. Terry focused on making his department more efficient and genuinely responsive to the need and wants of the people of Enfield.

Terry played a role in London council's spearheading local legislation that would ban smoking in bars and restaurants, legislation that was eventually adopted by the government in 2006.

Terry also introduced a comprehensive door to door recycling scheme which more than doubled Enfield's recycling rate whilst simultaneously setting up a Climate Change Board, two years before national legislation to order the council's owned buildings and recommend necessary investment to help reduce the Enfield's carbon footprint. Terry was also proud of tackling declining street scenes and was responsible for establishing an enviro-crime unit by emerging a number of different enforcement units into this branded team which conveyed a clear message that in its title that that the endemic careless approach to our environment was indeed a crime. For this work, the council received two stars from the independent audit commission.

As Leader of the Conservative Group, Terry was a mentor to many of us, giving those of us newly elected councillors key roles and responsibilities in order to make sure we provided the best scrutiny possible. As Terry's last whip, I can speak personally to his passion and love for this place, all the people in it and the role it serves.

We must also recognise Terry's work outside the council. As Chief Legal Officer to the City of Westminster and Parliamentary Officer for the 32 London Boroughs. Terry was responsible for a change in legislation in the 1980s to tackle the growing and harmful impact of sex establishments, a legal licensing framework which was adopted by major cities across the UK. Terry then went on to become Director of Legal Services and Company Secretary to John Lewis for 21 years and also served as a JP for over 30 years. Given Terry's role both politically and legally it is therefore not surprising that he was awarded an OBE in 2010 by the then Prince of Wales and now King for the services to Enfield and to local government in London.

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He has been a loyal friend for many of us across this chamber for many years and whenever you need Terry, he is always there. If it had not been for Terry, I would not be where I am today and I can never thank him enough. We also thank Terry's wife Barbara for all her love and support for Terry which ensured that he could achieve everything that he did as well as his daughters Claire and Chloe and his grandchildren.

Terry the entire borough thanks you for everything you have done. Thank you".

### **Cllr Doug Taylor**

" I'd like to congratulate Christine and Glynis for also being nominated this evening. I have known Terry for 25 years, a quarter of a century since I became a councillor and I have crossed swords with him many times in this chamber during that time. Terry always acted with a sense of integrity, a desire to improve the council, improve the services and improve the offer to our residents.

I think by temperament and by training, Terry was very strategic but also very clear in analysing detail and the council needs councillors who look at detail. You can always express your beliefs in the bigger picture but often the detail in the implementation is absolutely crucial.

I know that Terry enjoyed his time in Environmental Services, but I also know that he was highly effective and significant to me in the work that we did together on the Pensions Committee, and I thank Terry for the cross-party work that we did around pensions.

Terry worked diligently within his own political party and for the council and I am sure that the policies within the Council and the lives of many people were touched by the work that Terry did.

We will remember Terry's contribution because it was significant, it improved many people lives and I wholeheartedly am happy to second this nomination".

### **Cllr Chris Dey**

"Terry is truly a gentleman in every sense of the word. He is decent, honest, and hardworking whilst also being caring and thoughtful and most definitely, persistent.

He is a true public servant in every sense of the word. In my time working with Terry, as his ward colleague in Grange Ward, I had the honour of really getting to know Terry in the lead up to the 2018 election once I had been selected to fight Grange Ward. We worked together along with Andy Milne to keep hold of Grange Ward in that election and really got to know Terry during that time. He worked as hard if not harder than Andy and me in delivering and knocking on doors and getting things done for the people.

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I have learnt a lot from Terry, and he has been a true inspiration and I hope that I can be as half as good as a councillor as Terry has been in his time and I think I will be doing ok.

I know he enjoys his holidays with Barbara in particular a cruise and spending time with the family and I know he also enjoys spending time at the theatre. And I hope that he now has slightly more time to do that now he is no longer here in the chamber.

I would like to share a story that Terry's wife Barbara told me. When Terry came off his job at Westminster Council, my dad Tony Dey (Former Mayor and Freeman of the Borough) was the agent for Enfield Southgate and asked Terry to stand as a councillor and I do not think his wife Barbara has ever really forgiven him.

Terry you thoroughly deserve this, and it is my honour to speak this evening on your behalf".

### **Cllr Andy Milne**

"Terry is an absolute stickler for tradition, so for about the fifth time in 20 years I am wearing a full suit and tie.

I had not realised that Terry had been so heavily involved in regulating the sex industry in Soho. I was a very young Environmental Health Officer in the early 1990's, working for Westminster City Council and was part of a taskforce with the police, trading standards, environmental health, licensing and HMRC which did a lot to regulating the area which was down to the contribution and diligence of Terry Neville.

I first met Terry around 20 years ago when I was on the Grange Park Residents Association Committee, the then Cllr Neville, was Cabinet Member for Environment and what was so impressive was turned up to meetings extremely well briefed, extremely well self-researched, got things done and after a while he persuaded me to become a councillor. He has been a great mentor to me and to all of us, absolutely passionate about the borough and in closing, if I was half as diligent, half as passionate and half as caring as Terry, I will be doing a good job."

### **Cllr Chris Joannides**

"It is both a privilege and a heartfelt responsibility to stand before you in the council chamber to say a few words and share my thoughts about the remarkable individual who has had such a profound impact on our community. I am delighted my former Grange Ward colleague, mentor and friend, Terry Neville, will be made Freeman of the Borough in recognition of his service and devotion to the people, charities and businesses in Enfield. On a behalf of Terry, I would like to thank Cllrs Caliskan and Dey for making this happen and Cllr Georgiou for proposing.

I first met Terry 24 years ago when he was a councillor for Winchmore Hill Ward. I was completely new to political campaigning and Terry shared his



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time and wisdom with me. I was pleased to win and join him as a colleague in Grange Ward in 2006. Although I was a complete novice to front line politics, Terry has someone who I could turn to for help and advice. He was never too busy to offer a helping hand, offer a listening ear or provide words of encouragement.

Terry's extensive knowledge and experience as a councillor was clear from the start. He has always been a passionate advocator for residents of his ward, across Enfield and the wider community. He served as a councillor for 36 years and was Leader of the Opposition twice, committee members, committee chair and Cabinet Member for Environment. Terry has always taken pride in his council work, and this was clearly reflected in his last year as a councillor in 2022 with a 100% attendance record.

On behalf of the Chamber, I would like to thank Terry for his guidance, inspiration and service. He has always been a gentleman and a loyal friend; what an effective local councillor should be. I want to congratulate you again for being bestowed with the freeman of the borough".

The Mayor invited the Council to agree the motion, which had been moved and seconded and was unanimously **AGREED**.

Councillor Rye OBE moved, and Councillor Caliskan seconded the following motion inviting the Council to confer the Freedom of the Borough on Glynis Vince.

"That in pursuance of the Local Government Act 1972, The Honorary Freedom of the London Borough of Enfield be conferred upon:

### **Glynis Vince**

In recognition of her long and valuable service to the community in the Borough. For her outstanding contribution to Education and Childrens Services and as an expression of the high esteem in which she is held".

Cllrs Georgiou, Laban, and Julian Sampson all spoke in support of the motion.

### **Cllr Mike Rye OBE**

"Glynis & I have known one another for 40 years and became close friends once we joined the council together back in 1994 and have served up until the last election very closely working particularly in the area of Education and young children.

Glynis is one of the rare people in local politics who is only there for the people. Her list of school governorships is absolutely amazing namely; Debohen, Carterhatch, Arnos, Latymer, Russet House and Turing Grove. A number of those simultaneously and it is typical of the level of commitment she has shown.

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As Cabinet Member from 2002 to 2010, one of the tasks we were adamant to deal with was the issue around school places and to ensure that every child was offered a secondary school place which Glynis had a hand in.

She worked in partnership incredibly effectively with the late Peter Lewis, Director of Education and both went round to every school on a regular basis. She enjoyed attending school council meetings and encouraging young people normally with the assistance of one of her homemade cakes. She knew every head teacher in the borough, had her finger on the pulse and could tell me exactly what was going on throughout the whole borough with regard to all of the schools.

Glynis really lived the role of corporate parent, and she really took great interest and was an advocate for our looked after children to the extent that Christmas cards and birthday cards were sent, and letters sent expressing congratulations on results.

She also oversaw the expansion of the youth service and was keen to see that no young person fell between the gaps, and everyone got the access, support, education and learning that they deserved.

When we moved into Opposition, she particularly took on the care of people who were needing to be adopted and she served on the adoption panel for some 10 years. She always talked within the confidential boundaries of what that involved with great passion on how to help and support those children and families.

In addition, she was a superb ward councillor and dealt speedily and effectively with enquiries that came forward. In all that she has achieved she has been supported by Roger, her husband, who has his own commitments and is out in the community himself doing voluntary work and they are a great partnership.

Upon leaving the council, Glynis has continued her work in the community, she works at the Nightingale Trust and works one day a week at one of the outlets in Oakwood. She joined a group called Knitter Natters who make blankets for people who are sadly suffering with cancer and undertaking chemotherapy. Recently they completed blankets for the Princess of Wales and His Majesty, The King.

She is one of the few people that I can think of that really deserves being made a Freeman of the Borough along with the other two candidates Christine and Terry. I particularly commend the nomination of Mrs Glynis Vince”.

### **Cllr Nesil Caliskan**

“I am delighted to second the nomination for Glynis for Freedom of the Borough. I got to know Glynis when I was elected Leader of the Council in 2018. Glynis has always been friendly and certainly firm and that commitment to firmness and discipline is clear to us the administration and to members of her own side as well.

She is firm and also kind as she frequently stopped me in the corridor to fix my collar, a 29-year-old new Leader who was often harassed as I walked down the corridor. Glynis would say to me “Just stop and fix your collar before you go into that meeting”. I recall Glynis telling me about her time as being a councillor for many years and the way the local authority has changed as an organisation and also the borough too. Her experience and commitment to the borough was always interesting to me and we are all better off because she has served this borough.

We'll all, for those of us who are here, will recall Glynis' final speech in this chamber as a councillor. The emotion in which she spoke was authentic but also revealed so much about her and her absolute commitment in Enfield. The work she has done over the years and the absolute commitment to so many causes including Fostering Panel and Adoption Panel. I can honestly tell you that Glynis is absolutely non-partisan when it comes to those two things; Adoption and Fostering.

I know that she is respected by members across this chamber, respected by senior officers in the local authority for the work that she has done on those panels, and she really believes that the responsibilities that we have as corporate parents as councillors and in this chamber is the most important thing we can do.

I am seconding this nomination on behalf of Labour Group”.

**Cllr Alessandro Georgiou**

“After 28 years of service to our borough, I am proud to speak in support of my former colleague and continued friend Glynis Vince becoming a Freeman of the Borough. As a councillor for Grange and Highlands wards, Cabinet Member, local community champion, and Conservative party grandee and friend to many of us, Glynis has served this borough with distinction and as outlined by colleagues already although political never tribal. We could only wish that we would have a record by the end of our time in this chamber.

Cabinet Member for Education and Childrens Services and Leisure over the course of 8 years, she expanded class sizes, worked with government to provide money for new schools and expanded the council's leisure offering from libraries to swimming pools and gyms.

Glynis significantly increased the Education opportunities for those particularly within the 14-19 age bracket which could only be done by a woman determined to make sure there was greater collaboration between school, colleagues and higher education providers. Having said that, to quote Margaret Thatcher “if you want something said ask a man, if you want something done ask a woman”.

In the early years of Glynis' tenure, there has nearly 10% increase in pupil numbers, yet Enfield's primary schools moved from 10<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> amongst

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England schools with best value-added results in KS2 tests in English, Maths and Science for 11-year-olds.

Glynis wanted to make Enfield a better place and a safer place for our children and she has done that for generations of pupils. However, in recent years, it was Glynis' work on the fostering panel that showed us her deep love for those children in the worst circumstances. Every case was personal to her, she never gave up fighting when things got complicated in a case and may have resulted in no resolution.

You can all hold Glynis responsible for me being here. Glynis first introduced me to local politics when I was 12 years old when visiting my school. I will never forget the homemade cake she brought with her to my school and every school she visited. In fact, from the age of 16 when I joined the Conservative party through the 8 years we served together and even now she was and is to me Auntie Glynis.

We must also thank Roger for his love, support and dedication for Glynis, for we all know he has been her rock all these years. I and all of us love Glynis. She is a good and decent person who loves her borough, loves her community and cares for this place.

So, Auntie Glynis, the borough thanks you for everything you have achieved. Well done".

### **Cllr Joanne Laban**

"I would very much like to support Glynis having the Freedom of the London Borough of Enfield.

Glynis when she was a councillor was my political mum. She was the councillor that when you were elected, especially females, she would come over, put her arm around you and bring you into the fold. She was immensely supportive of me when I was Leader of the Opposition. We were a duo woman team, and she was Whip.

Being whip is an awkward role, you are never always universally liked because you have to do the odd phone call and you have to make councillors work. You have to put members on committees that they may not actually want to do but she did it. She made a phone call when someone is being naughty or has not turned up to something. She is a jolly person; I know that she really feels and sometimes that would have been difficult for her. But because of her commitment to the conservative Group and commitment as a councillor she carried on doing that and I could not have done the role without her.

She was Cabinet Member for Education when we were in power, and we have heard of the great work and the number of governing bodies she did. She did not have to serve on those governing bodies whilst being a Cabinet Member, but she did that to be on the ground seeing what was happening in schools. She did Fostering Panel throughout my time on the council before there was a

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special responsibility allowance and they happened on a Friday and usually lasted all day.

She brought in cakes every Friday, a new recipe and Helen, the previous Conservative Group Manager, would come in and suddenly a new one appeared. Glynis knows my favourite is lemon drizzle and could not have got through that time without her cakes.

Where there is Glynis, there is Roger, and she could not have done the amount of work for both the Conservative party and as a councillor without him. I was absolutely delighted as a Trustee at the Nightingale Cancer Centre Charity when Glynis asked to work in a local shop and be involved because I knew that she would put the same level of commitment as she did as a councillor to the charity. I know that the charity is very thankful for the work she is doing”.

### **Cllr Julian Sampson**

“It is a great pleasure to be able to speak in support of the nomination of Glynis Vince.

When we first moved into the borough, 30 years ago, Glynis was my councillor and we lived in the Oakwood area at that time. Our first memories of Glynis are when we attended meetings of the Western Enfield Residents Association where Glynis was a regular and reliable attendee. Since then, Cllr O’Halloran and I have inherited part of Glynis’ old Highlands ward in Oakwood. Cllr O’Halloran and I have had the experience of knocking on the doors of residents and presenting ourselves to them and saying, “good evening, I’m your local councillor” and the resident looking at us quizzically and then saying “no you are not, my councillor is Cllr Vince” after that we had to get over our mutual disappointment.

Glynis has confirmed her links with Enfield by supporting the Nightingale Cancer Centre Charity shop on the Bramley Road and supporting them in their sponsored walks every year at night.

I never had the opportunity to work with Glynis, but I know that she was a combative campaigner and not one to be taken lightly and certainly someone not to be crossed within the community.

I would like to pay tribute to the support that Glynis has had from Roger who has been the Dennis Thatcher role or more accurately the late Duke of Edinburgh supporting his own Queen.

Tonight, the atmosphere has been very much one of the end of an era as we have paid tribute to the giants of Enfield’s past. My only hope is that those of us who remain in this chamber will emulate the service, the dedication and the

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commitment that all three nominees for this role have shown. It is a great honour for me to be able to support all three nominees in this motion”.

The Mayor invited the Council to agree the motion, which had been moved and seconded and was unanimously **AGREED**.

**RESOLVED** that pursuant to the Local Government Act 1972, The Honorary Freedom of the London Borough of Enfield be conferred upon:

Christine Hamilton JP  
Terry Neville OBE JP  
Glynis Vince

The Mayor then called upon the Monitoring Officer to administer the Oath of an Honorary Freeman, as follows:

“Do you,

Christine Hamilton JP, Terry Neville OBE JP, and Glynis Vince,

Solemnly and sincerely declare that you will abide in peace and tranquillity within the London Borough of Enfield, and with all those who have their lawful business within its bounds, including the Mayor and Council, whom you will aid with your best counsel and advice, and uphold and defend the provisions of the Charter granted by Elizabeth The Second, and all observances and customs of this London Borough defend and keep.”

All of the Honorary Freeman replied, “I do”.

The Mayor then rose and said to each of the three new Honorary Freeman, in turn:

“Christine Hamilton JP, Terry Neville OBE JP and Glynis Vince, Honorary Freeman of the London Borough of Enfield, in accordance with the ancient custom, I give you the hand of Friendship as an Honorary Freeman of the London Borough and I now invite you to sign the Roll of Honorary Freeman and to accept this badge of office and certificate of Freedom”.

The Mayor, having witnessed each of the new Honorary Freeman sign the Roll of Honorary Freeman, along with the Monitoring Officer, then presented each of them with a badge of office and certificate.

Having accepted their badge of office and certificate of Freedom, each of the new Honorary Freeman addressed the Council, in turn, taking the opportunity to offer their thanks and gratitude for being awarded with such a prestigious honour.

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The Mayor called the meeting to a close and invited all of the Honorary Freeman and their guests, along with members of the Council, to join him for a reception in the Parlour.

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#### **DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING**

**NOTED** that the next meeting of the Council will be on Wednesday 18 September 2024 at 7pm.