

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 21 FEBRUARY 2007**

**COUNCILLORS**

**PRESENT** Tony Dey (Mayor), Don Delman (Deputy Mayor), Pamela Adams, Christopher Andrew, Kate Anolue, Gregory Antoniou, Chaudhury Anwar MBE, Alan Barker, John Boast, Chris Bond, Yasemin Brett, Kris Brown, Jayne Buckland, Lee Chamberlain, Christopher Cole, Andreas Constantinides, Christiana During, Peter Fallart, Norman Ford, Achilleas Georgiou, Vivien Giladi, Del Goddard, Jonas Hall, Ahmet Hasan, Elaine Hayward, Robert Hayward, Ruth Hones, Ertan Hurer, John Jackson, Chris Joannides, Eric Jukes, Jon Kaye, Matthew Laban, Henry Lamprecht, Bernadette Lappage, Michael Lavender, Dino Lemonides, Paul McCannah, Donald McGowan, Kieran McGregor, Chris Murphy, Terence Neville, Ayfer Orhan, Anne-Marie Pearce, Henry Pipe, Martin Prescott, Geoffrey Robinson, Jeff Rodin, Michael Rye, Eleftherios Savva, George Savva, Toby Simon, Edward Smith, Terence Smith, Doug Taylor, Glynis Vince, Kate Wilkinson and Ann Zinkin.

**ABSENT** Bambos Charalambous, Annette Dreblow, Denise Headley, Ahmet Oykenor and Andrew Stafford

**1**

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

The Mayor's Chaplain, the Reverend John Paul gave a blessing on the Council.

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**MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor made the following announcements:

1. Budget Speeches

In accordance with previous practice at budget Council meetings, I would ask the Council to agree that both Leaders have 10 minutes each in their opening speeches on item 6 in relation to the budget.

This proposal was agreed by the Council

2. Receipt of a Petition

Prior to this meeting I was handed a petition by Mr. Rob Kelsall on behalf of the GMB Union in relation to the trade dispute with National Car Parks. The petition seeks support for the campaign. I am advised that this is an issue for National Car Parks and not the Council. I will ensure it is passed on to the relevant officers.

3. Charity Dinner - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2007

I would like to remind members about supporting the Charity Dinner and Dance at Trios Banqueting Suite on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

4. Police Passing Out Parade

The Mayoress and I attended the Police Passing Out Parade at Hendon on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February. An event we both enjoyed very much. We had the privilege of meeting the six new officers who will be on the beat in Enfield.

5. Palace Exchange Launch

The Mayor advised that he had attended the Palace Exchange Launch VIP event on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February a celebration of the new look Enfield.

6. Ponders End Winter Festival

The Mayoress and I attended the Ponders End Winter Festival, which was very well supported. Thanks must go to Matt Lane and the volunteers for all their efforts.

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MINUTES**

AGREED that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 24 January 2007 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**4  
APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Charalambous, Dreblow, Headley, Oykenner and Stafford. Apologies for lateness were received from Councillors Brett, Constantinides and E Smith.

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STATEMENT BY THE BOROUGH SOLICITOR**

NOTED that the Borough Solicitor drew to members attention the recent letters to all Councillors dated 12 January 2007 regarding the Council's Budget and Councillors in arrears of Council tax, Council rents and lease payments and 19 January 2007 regarding defamation and qualified privilege.

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DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Councillor Laban declared a personal and prejudicial interest regarding Item No. 12.1, the motion relating to Enfield Leisure Centres Trust Ltd. as his sister

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is a Council employee who worked at the Edmonton Leisure Centre and he was a Director of the Trust prior to its liquidation.

Councillor Vince declared a personal interest regarding item No. 6, the Budget 2007/08 and Medium Term Financial Plan, as a governor of Salisbury School.

Councillor Lappage declared a personal interest regarding item No. 6, the Budget 2007/08 and Medium Term Financial Plan, as her husband was an employee of North London Waste, a precepting body.

Councillor Prescott declared a personal interest regarding item No. 6, the Budget 2007/08 and Medium Term Financial Plan, being a Council nominee Board member of the Enfield Business and Retail Association.

The Councillors listed below, being members of a trade union declared a personal interest in Item No. 12.4, the motion relating to recognising and negotiating with any trade union:

Councillors Andrew, Bond, Brett, Brown, Buckland, Charalambous, Cole, Constantinides, Goddard, E Hayward, R Hayward, Laban, Lappage, Lemonides, Murphy, Orhan, Robinson, Rodin, Rye, G Savva, Simon and Taylor.

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### **BUDGET 2007/08 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN (GENERAL FUND)**

Councillor Rye moved and Councillor Lavender seconded the report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources (Report No. 223) which provides information on the outcome of the budget consultation, the details of the local government financial settlement, and sets out the Council's revenue budget requirement for 2007/08.

### NOTED

1. that Members' attention was drawn to Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and paragraph 10.2 (d) of the Councillors' Code of Conduct which require any Member who is two months or more in arrears on their Council Tax or payments for tenancies or leases in respect of the Council's housing functions to declare their position and not to vote on any issue that could affect the calculation of the budget or the Council Tax. Any Member affected who fails to declare could be subject to prosecution.

2. that during the debate Councillors Rye, Lavender and Rodin thanked officers and in particular Sheila Dawson, Mark McLaughlin and the finance teams for their hard work in preparing this year's budget.

After a lengthy debate the recommendations set out in the report were put to the vote with the following result:

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For: 31  
Against: 24

**AGREED**

1. That the net budget requirement for Enfield be set at £215.778m in 2007/08;
2. That subject to final pupil count data, approval is given to expenditure of £199.942m on the schools' budget, funded from the Dedicated Schools' Grant;
3. That the Council Tax at Band D for Enfield's services be set at £1,033.02 (paragraph 7.8), an increase of 3.45%;
4. to note that at its meeting on 9th January 2007, the Audit Committee calculated the number of 108,068 as its Council Tax base for 2007/08, in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax base) Regulations.
5. the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2007/08 in accordance with Section 32 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:
  - a. £886,400,000 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for gross expenditure, calculated in accordance with Section 32(2) of the Act;
  - b. £670,622,000 being the aggregate of the amounts, which the Council estimates for income, calculated in accordance with Section 32(3) of the Act.
  - c. £ 215,778,000 being the amount by which the aggregate at (a) above exceeds the aggregate at (b) above (net expenditure), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year.
  - d. £ 104,141,623 being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its General Fund in respect of redistributed non-domestic rates and Revenue Support Grant, adjusted by the amount which the Council estimates will be transferred in the year from its General Fund to its Collection Fund.
  - e. £ 111,636,377 being (the sum of c-d) the residual amount required to be collected from the Council Tax payers.
  - f. £ 1,033.02 being the residual amount at (e) above, divided by the Council Tax base of 108,068 be the Enfield precept on the Collection Fund for 2007/08 at the level of Band D.

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Valuation Band	Proportion in relation to Band D	Enfield £
A	6/9	688.68
B	7/9	803.46
C	8/9	918.24
D	1	1033.02
E	11/9	1262.58
F	13/9	1492.14
G	15/9	1721.70
H	2	2066.04

being the amounts given by multiplying the amount at (f) above by the number which, in proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation Band D, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands;

g. it will be noted that, for the year 2007/08, the Greater London Authority (GLA) has stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of the dwellings shown below:

Valuation Band	Proportion in relation to Band D	Enfield £
A	6/9	202.59
B	7/9	236.35
C	8/9	270.12
D	1	303.88
E	11/9	371.41
F	13/9	438.94
G	15/9	506.47
H	2	607.76

(h) having calculated the aggregate amount in each case of the amounts at (ii)(g) and (iii) above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2007/08 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Valuation Band	Proportion in relation to Band D	Enfield £
A	6/9	891.27
B	7/9	1039.81
C	8/9	1188.36
D	1	1336.90
E	11/9	1633.99
F	13/9	1931.08
G	15/9	2228.17

H	2	2673.80
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6. With regard to the Prudential Code and the Capital Programme

- (i) to note the information regarding the requirements of the Prudential Code (Section 9);
- (ii) to approve the proposals for allocating resources to capital projects as set out in para 9.19;
- (iii) to approve the recommendations regarding the additions to the capital programme, as set out in Appendix 9;
- (iv) to approve the Prudential Indicators, the Treasury Management Strategy and the criteria for investments, set out in Section 9 and Appendix 8.

7. With regard to the ICT Work programme

- (i) to approve the recommendations regarding additions to the ICT work programme set out in section 10 and Appendix 11.

8. With regard to the Medium Term Financial Plan:

- (i) to note the forecast for the medium term as set out in section 11.

9. With regard to the robustness of the 2007/08 budget and the adequacy of the Council's reserves and balances:

- (i) to note the risks and uncertainties inherent in the 2007/08 budget and the medium term financial plan (section 12);
- (ii) to note the comments of the Director of Finance & Corporate Resources regarding the recommended levels of contingencies, balances and reserves (section 13) and having due regard to the Director's statement (section 16) when making final decisions on the 2007/08 budget.

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**HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT ESTIMATES 2007/08 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN (RENT SETTING - HRA AND GENERAL FUND)**

Councillor Laban moved and Councillor Fallart seconded the joint report of the Director of Performance, Partnership and Policy and the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources (Report No. 224) presenting for approval, the detailed revenue estimates of the Housing Revenue Account for 2007/08 following consultation with residents on the HRA budget position and the options for the rent proposals.

After a lengthy debate the recommendations set out in the report were put to the vote with the following result:

For: 30  
 Against: 0  
 Abstained: 24

AGREED

1. That the detailed revenue estimates of the Housing Revenue Account for 2007/08 be approved and the forecast for the medium term be noted (table 1).
2. That the formula rents be increased by 4.1% in line with Government guidance.
3. The level of service charges as set out in paragraph 13.1 for those properties receiving the services be agreed for 2007/08.
4. To increase the rents on temporary accommodation by £30 per week (Appendix 5).
5. To approve the proposals for increases in other income for 2007/08 as detailed in Appendices 2 and 3.
6. To delegate the authority for the final negotiation of the ALMO management fee to the Lead Members for Performance, Partnership & Policy and for Finance & Corporate Resources, in consultation with the respective Directors.

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**REFERENCES FROM CONSTITUTION REVIEW GROUP**

Councillor Rye moved and Councillor Neville seconded the report of the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources (Report No.225) detailing changes as recommended by the Council's Constitution Review Group.

AGREED

1. To approve the delegation of the appointment of Appeal Panel Members from Full Council to the Director of Education, Children's Services and Leisure, following consultation with the Cabinet Member and Opposition Lead for the Children's Services Scrutiny Panel prior to each appointment.
2. That submission of urgent questions to Council should require the Member submitting the question to specify why the issue could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the deadline and why it has to be considered before the next meeting.

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**TO INFORM COUNCIL OF THE AUDIT COMMISSION REPORT ON REGENERATION UPDATE RECEIVED IN JANUARY 2007**

Councillor Jackson moved and Councillor Hall seconded the report of the Director of Environment, Street Scene and Parks (Report No. 195A) informing the Council of the Audit Commission Report on Regeneration received in January 2007.

AGREED to note the report and the positive view expressed by the Audit Commission on the progress made by Enfield since their report on Regeneration in November 2005.

**11**

**FORMATION OF A JOINT COUNCIL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE TO SCRUTINISE THE BARNET, ENFIELD AND HARINGEY CLINICAL STRATEGY**

Councillor Pearce moved and Councillor Hones seconded the report of the Director of Performance, Partnerships and Policy (Report No. 226) dealing with the setting up and work of a Joint Council Scrutiny Committee (JCSC) involving the London Boroughs of Enfield, Barnet and Haringey and Hertfordshire County Council.

NOTED the Save Chase Farm March that was to take place on 3 March 2007 and that the Council had previously given cross party support to the campaign.

AGREED

1. That Council agree the Joint Committee's Terms of References; and
2. That Council approves the funding required and staff time proposed to operate the Joint Council Scrutiny Committee.

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**STANDING ORDER 8 - DURATION OF COUNCIL MEETINGS**

NOTED

1. That in accordance with Council Procedure, Rule 8 (page 4-7 – part 4), the Mayor advised the Council that the time available for the meeting had elapsed and the remaining items of business would be dealt with in accordance with the expedited procedure.
2. That the remaining items of business would be put to the vote without debate.
3. That the Council will be deemed to have agreed the changes to memberships of council bodies and nominations to outside organisations.

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**COUNCILLORS' QUESTION TIME**

1. Urgent Questions

None received.



2. Questions by Councillors

NOTED

1. the 3 questions, on the Council's agenda, which received a written reply by the relevant Cabinet Member.

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MOTIONS**

NOTED that the following motions lapsed because of insufficient time:

1. In the name of Councillor McCannah

"Enfield Leisure Centres Ltd. is currently in liquidation. The liquidators are in the process of completing their inquiries and, in due course, may report to the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) on the conduct of the company and its directors. When this process is completed it is vital that the public of the Borough are able to examine the reasons for the failure of the company and Council resolves to set up a special scrutiny commission, at a date to be decided following the completion of the liquidators' work and the conclusions of the DTI, to examine the reasons for and the consequences of the insolvency of Enfield Leisure Centres Ltd."

2. In the name of Councillor Boast

"Enfield Council calls upon the Government to repeal any laws or regulations stemming from the European Working Time Directive that impede the emergency services in the performance of their duties."

3. In the name of Councillor Brown

"This Council acknowledges that it has a duty under the Race Relations Act 1976 (as amended in 2001), to promote good race relations in the London Borough of Enfield. It considers that the comment by Councillor Michael Lavender at the Council meeting on 8 November 2006 that Edmonton is "just a UN feeding station", contravenes that duty and it therefore no longer has any confidence in him as Deputy Leader of the Council."

4. In the name of Councillor Charalambous

"This Council considers that all of its contractors should recognise and negotiate with any trade union that has a majority of the workforce employed on the Enfield contract, as members."

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**MEMBERSHIPS**

AGREED the following changes to committee memberships:

1. School Appeal Panel - Vacancy to replace the following individuals on the Panel:

a. Education Members  
Ms Sarah Louis  
Mrs Colleen Robinson  
Mrs Carol Reeves  
Mrs June Stein

b. Lay Members  
Mrs Christine McDonnagh

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**NOMINATIONS TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

AGREED the following changes to outside bodies:

1. Edmonton Pathway Network

Councillor Anolue to fill vacancy

2. RELATE

Councillor Anolue to fill vacancy

3. London Accident Prevention Council

Councillor Buckland to fill vacancy

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**CALLED IN DECISIONS**

There were no called in decisions.

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**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

NOTED that the next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 28 March 2007 at 7.00 p.m. at the Civic Centre.