

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SECOND EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY, 23 DECEMBER 2014**

COUNCILLORS

PRESENT

Ali Bakir (Mayor), Patricia Ekechi (Deputy Mayor), Abdul Abdullahi, Daniel Anderson, Dinah Barry, Chris Bond, Yasemin Brett, Alev Cazimoglu, Erin Celebi, Lee Chamberlain, Bambos Charalambous, Jason Charalambous, Lee David-Sanders, Dogan Delman, Nick Dines, Guney Dogan, Sarah Doyle, Christiana During, Nesimi Erbil, Turgut Esendagli, Peter Fallart, Krystle Fonyonga, Achilleas Georgiou, Alessandro Georgiou, Christine Hamilton, Elaine Hayward, Robert Hayward, Ertan Hurer, Jansev Jemal, Doris Jiagge, Eric Jukes, Nneka Keazor, Joanne Laban, Bernie Lappage, 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, George Savva MBE, Rohini Simbodyal, Toby Simon, Alan Sitkin, Edward Smith, Jim Steven, Claire Stewart, Doug Taylor, Ozzie Uzoanya and Glynis Vince

ABSENT

Katherine Chibah, Ahmet Hasan, Suna Hurman, Adeline Kepez, Michael Lavender, Michael Rye OBE, Andrew Stafford and Haydar Ulus

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WELCOME

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the second of two Extraordinary Council meetings that had been arranged for the evening.

He reminded Members that the issues to be considered at the meeting were restricted to those items of business notified at the time the meeting was requisitioned, as listed on the agenda.

He also advised all those present that the meeting was being filmed by the Barnet Bugle, as permitted under section 33 of the Council Procedure Rules.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Katherine Chibah, Ahmet Hasan, Suna Herman, Adeline Kepez, Michael Lavender, Michael Rye OBE & Andrew Stafford.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

Councillor Elaine Hayward moved and Councillor Neville seconded a proposal to change the order of business on the agenda under paragraph 2.2 (page 4-5) of the Council's procedure rules as follows:

- To consider Item 3.2 (Motion in the name of Councillor Taylor regarding the approach towards budget setting) in advance of Item 3.1 (Motion in the name of Councillor Cazimoglu regarding Chase Farm Hospital).

The change in order of the agenda was not agreed after a vote, with the following result:

For: 20

Against: 32

Abstentions: 0

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MOTIONS

1.1 Councillor Cazimoglu moved and Councillor McGowan seconded the following motion:

“The Council is disappointed that Government Policy and chronic underfunding of our local Barnet Chase Farm NHS Trust has forced a takeover by the Royal Free London NHS Trust.

The hospital is currently underfunded by £35m a year and will need over £175m just to sustain it over the next five years.

We urge the Government to adequately fund the rebuild of the hospital so that it meets the needs of Enfield residents now and into the future.

Council further call upon the NHS Trust to preserve, by covenant, the footprint for health services on the Chase Farm site, for health services in perpetuity.

Council further believes that the failure of David Cameron and Nick de Bois to honour their promise to save A&E at Chase Farm site makes residents sceptical about the future. The Council has not heard any reasonable explanation for this failure to honour their promise and believes it would be in the public interest for them to explain.

The Council instructs the Leader of the Council to write to the MP for Enfield North and the PM to raise the concerns of the Council.”

Following a short debate Councillor Stewart moved and Councillor Taylor seconded procedural motion 12.12 (a) (ii) “that the question be now put”. The Mayor felt there had been sufficient discussion on the matter so put the motion to the meeting, which was agreed without a vote.

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The Mayor then put the motion straight to the vote, which was agreed, with the following result:

For: 34
Against: 19
Abstentions: 0

1.2 Councillor Fonyonga moved and Councillor Taylor seconded the following motion:

“Council notes that:

- 1) Working people are now £1,600 plus a year worse off than in 2010;
- 2) Business investment trails our international competitors;
- 3) The 1% tax cut for top earners takes £3 billion away from vital public services;
- 4) The need for food banks in Enfield is growing;

Council further notes the unfunded tax pledges of the Conservative Government in the Autumn Statement, and the Deputy Prime Minister’s accusation that the Government was ‘kidding the public’.

The Council agrees that any political group represented on the Council is irresponsible if it does not appreciate the calamity of Government economic and fiscal policy and its impact on ordinary people in Enfield.

Council condemns any politicians, local or National, who seek to ignore the impact of Government cuts on the difficult decisions Councils have to take.

Council agrees:

- a) To take a responsible approach to budget setting in 2015-18 and expects any suggestions for growth, or protected spending, to be aligned with proposals for reductions elsewhere in the budget, to meet the £75 million plus pressures on the Councils’ budget.
- b) To write to the 3 local MP’s asking them to confirm their opposition to the Conservative Government’s plan for excessive future cuts to public services as identified by the IFS, and to call for adequate funding for the London Borough of Enfield to preserve vital public services.”

Before proceeding any further with consideration of the motion, Councillor Taylor moved and Councillor Achilleas Georgiou seconded procedural motion 12.12 (a) (iii) “to adjourn the debate” in order, given the time of the meeting, to allow more detailed debate at the next Council meeting

Given the time of the meeting, the Mayor put the procedural motion to the vote and it was agreed, with the following result:

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For: 32
Against:0
Abstentions: 19

AGREED that further consideration of the motion be adjourned to the next normal Council meeting on 28 January 2015 for consideration, where it would be placed at the start of the Council agenda for consideration following Opposition Priority Business

110 COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS

NOTED the one question on the Extraordinary Council agenda which had received a written reply from the relevant Cabinet Member.

111 END OF MEETING

Having dealt with the items of business on the agenda, as listed above, the Mayor advised that the second Extraordinary Council meeting of the evening had been concluded.