

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LOCAL PLAN CABINET SUB-COMMITTEE  
HELD ON THURSDAY, 3 MARCH 2016**

**COUNCILLORS**

**PRESENT** Ayfer Orhan, Ahmet Oykenner, Alan Sitkin and Daniel Anderson

**OFFICERS:** Ian Davis (Director Regeneration & Environment), Tony Pierce (Interim Head of Planning Projects), Gerry Ansell (Planning Policy Team Leader), James Gummery (Principal Planning Officer), Koulla Panaretou (Committee Secretary)

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**WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Vicki Pite and apologies for lateness were received from Cllr Ahmet Oykenner.

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**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest registered in respect of any items on the agenda.

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**URGENT ITEMS**

NOTED that the reports listed on the agenda had been circulated in accordance with the requirements of the Council's Constitution and the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information and Meetings) (England) Regulations 2012. These requirements state that agendas and reports should be circulated at least five clear days in advance of meetings.

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**MONITORING REPORT AND HOUSING TRAJECTORY 2015**

RECEIVED the report of the Director of Regeneration and Environment (Report No. 212) seeking approval of the Local Plan Cabinet Sub Committee of Enfield's Local Plan Monitoring Report and Housing Trajectory 2015 for publication.

NOTED that

- The monitoring report depicts Enfield's development in social, economic and environmental terms. It is a statutory requirement and occurs within the context of Local Plan policies. The Council must also set out a 15-year housing trajectory.

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- The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) requires identification of a 5-year supply of housing sites. On top of this, there should be 5% buffer, or where there is a record of under-delivery, a 20% buffer.
- The London Plan set a housing target of 798 units per annum in 2015, increasing from the previous target of 560 per annum.
- In 2014/15 399 new homes were completed in Enfield, compared to 512 the year before. The largest development was 81 net units at North Middlesex Hospital, Watermill Lane). During this period a total of 85 affordable homes were completed.
- It is expected that 5,787 homes will be completed up until 2021, rising to 13,778 by 2031.
- Key housing delivery sites over the next 5 years will be: Ladderswood Estate; North Circular Road; Meridian Water (early phases); Ex-Middlesex University locations (Cat Hill and Ponders End) and general estate renewal.
- Owner occupied housing fell from 71% in 2001 to 58% in 2011, with private rental increasing from 9% to 22% during this time.
- Households in temporary accommodation rose to 2,764 in 2014/15 from 2,226 the previous year.
- Once adopted, Enfield's Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) will be reported through the Monitoring Report.
- The Mayor of London's CIL monies collected by the borough is shown in the report as £1.26m in 2014/15.
- In 2014/15, 7% of the working age population was unemployed, a fall from 10% in 2012/2013 This remains above London average of 6.2% and national average of 5.1%. It was noted that in the time since April 2015, the gap with the average London unemployment rate has fallen further to 0.4%, with Enfield's employment rate rising above the average London employment rate for the first time in many years.
- Self-employment has increased from 11.6% to 14.3% since 2012/13.
- The proportion of Enfield's population without qualifications has continued to decrease; 9.6% in 2012 to 7.7% in 2014.
- Enfield is ranked 12<sup>th</sup> most deprived area in London compared to 14<sup>th</sup> in 2010.
- Crime figures fell from 71 crimes per 1,000 in 2012/13 to 68.7 crimes per 1,000 in 2014/15, with a London average of 83.
- Enfield CO2 emissions on a long-term downward trend, falling from 6.0 tonnes per head in 2006 to 4.4 tonnes per head in 2013.
- Recycled household waste stands at 38.5% in 2014/15 compared to 35.3% in 2011/12.

IN RESPONSE the following comments were received from the members of the Committee:

1. Concern was raised about challenging density issues in the borough, juggling housing vs employment land needs.

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2. It was noted that further development of already populated areas in South Enfield deprives people of sufficient green spaces in their local neighbourhoods.
3. These density issues are being monitored, with the London Plan providing guidance in this respect. The Local Plan Review process will also elucidate options.
4. The Council's commitment to consultation with the public was reconfirmed. As the population is growing, more affordable housing will be required and the positioning of new homes will need to be discussed.
5. Public awareness of the dearth of available brownfield sites needs to also be improved. It was noted that the London Land Commission keeps a register of brownfield sites and can be viewed on the following site:  
  
<https://maps.london.gov.uk/webmaps/LLC/>.
6. The Chair requested that the employment rates in Enfield being higher than the London average should be highlighted. **ACTION: James Gummery**
7. It was noted that Enfield's CO2 emissions are taking a long-term downward trend. The Cycle Enfield proposals may also help with this.
8. In 2010, there was a different understanding of affordable housing. The introduction of new legislation has added to long-term pressures in this area.
9. Overall, the content of the report was encouraging and the work of officers commended.

### **Alternative Options Considered:**

None considered as the preparation of a Monitoring Report is a requirement of the Act.

### **DECISION:**

The Local Plan Cabinet Sub Committee approved the Enfield's Local Plan Monitoring Report and Housing Trajectory 2015 for publication.

### **Reason:**

Preparation of a Monitoring Report is a statutory requirement.

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**THIS ITEM IS NOW DEFERRED - REACT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING FORUM**

This report was deferred following concerns expressed by the Cabinet Portfolio Holder and the Director concerning implications of the Housing Zone bid to the GLA.

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**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 14TH DECEMBER 2015**

AGREED, that the minutes of the Local Plan Cabinet Sub-Committee held on the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015 be approved.

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**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

NOTED the date of the next meeting is to be held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2016 in Room 3 at 7pm.