

## **Council Questions – 23 March 2016**

### **Section 1 – Questions for Cabinet Members**

#### **Question 1 from Councillor Chibah to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment**

Can the Cabinet Member for Environment please update the Council on the recent work undertaken by the Consumer Protection team?

#### **Reply from Councillor Anderson:**

Indeed I can. The Consumer Protection Team has a long and successful track record of protecting the public using robust enforcement action. They often prosecute for fraud and other very serious offenses, resulting in large fines and custodial sentences. They also use the Proceeds of Crime Act to recover assets and money that has arisen from the criminality.

Some of their most recent significant successes include:

- Two individuals were each imprisoned for in excess of 4 years for importing and selling counterfeit designer handbags and one of them convicted also for perverting the course of justice.
- Prosecution of two individuals for selling counterfeit gyms products – resulting in a 12-month prison sentence (suspended for 2 years), 250 hours of unpaid work and ordered to pay £90,000 under the Proceeds of Crime Act and over £35k of Council costs.
- A nationally significant project regarding the importation and distribution of unsafe electrical goods resulting in a massive raid led by the Council's trading standards officers including Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) and police officers leading to the seizure of over 29,000 products and freeze of the company accounts.
- Have been awarded over £135K in the last year using the Proceeds of Crime Act.
- Seized over 260,000 illegal and smuggled cigarettes and 10 tonnes of illegal hand-rolled tobacco leading to reviews of premises licences, which has resulted in 4 licences being revoked so far to date.
- Prosecution of a toy manufacturer and importer for the sale of loom bands that were falsely marked as being safe and charms for children's bracelets that contained a cancer-causing chemical.
- Prosecution of a company and the Director for the sale of dangerous skin lightening creams – over £16,000 fine including costs.

- Prosecution of a retailer for selling sofas that failed to comply with fire safety regulations. The company was fined £6,000.
- Intervention by trading standards saved residents almost £400K from being handed over to rogue traders for unnecessary or extortionately priced home repairs.
- Prosecution of a rogue trader resulting in a community order to undertake 200 hours of unpaid work, and ordered to compensate victims £7,000 and pay a confiscation order of £23,000.
- Prosecution of another rogue trader under the Fraud Act resulting in 26 weeks imprisonment (suspended for 12 months) and 200 hours unpaid work after charging a 70-year old resident £10,000 for labour which should have cost £2,000.
- Confiscated over 250 unsafe hover-boards.
- Prosecuted a company director for serious health and safety offences - magistrates fined him £12,000 plus £10,000 costs after a man fell from a restaurant roof whilst cleaning it and was seriously injured.
- In another health & safety prosecution for an accident involving an employee who lost 3 fingers in a food mincing machine – the Crown Court Judge sentenced the company director to 9 months imprisonment suspended for 2 years, 600 hours unpaid work, a fine of £20,000 and reimbursement of our costs of £10,000.
- Prosecuted a privately-owned leisure centre for a mice infestation – the magistrates fined them £10K and ordered reimbursement of our costs.
- Prosecuted an entertainment venue for very poor hygiene resulting in a £4,000 fine and the award of over £2,000 costs.
- Robust enforcement including the closure of 13 food businesses, prosecutions and the serving of over 120 improvement notices, raising the compliance of food businesses with food hygiene requirements from 68% in April 2015 to 83% in February 2016.
- 9 reviews of premises licences in the last year which resulted in 6 being revoked and the Council's Licensing Committee added licence conditions for 3 other premises, such as reduced hours and licensable activities, and removal of designated premises supervisors.

**Question 2 from Councillor Neville to Councillor Taylor, Leader of the Council**

Could Councillor Taylor tell the Council since May 2014, how many general dispensations, shown by subject matter, have been given for debates in Council or

elsewhere, specifying the nature of the debate for which the dispensation has been given?

While I have absolutely no objection to members owning housing for letting, can he specify, in respect of housing matters, which affect letting in the private sector (where I am aware a number of dispensations have been given), since in order to come to a view that it is necessary to grant the general dispensation, because if not granted the numbers of people involved may affect the outcome of a vote in terms of political control, how many of his members own houses/flats in the borough which are available for letting and identify them in the same way that they would be identified if they were making an individual declaration?

**Reply from Councillor Taylor:**

The following general dispensations have been given to allow for:

- (a) Where members of the decision making body have disclosable pecuniary interests in a matter that would “impede the transaction of the business.
- (b) That without the dispensation, the representation of different political groups on the body conducting the business would be so upset as to alter the outcome of any vote on the matter.

From May 2014 to date there have been 11 dispensations granted in total. Five have been granted in relation to Cycle Enfield, two in relation to Opposition Priority Business on the cost of temporary accommodation, one on the additional licensing scheme for private sector landlords, one in relation to a Council motion on trade unions, and two on a Council motion on the Housing and Planning Bill.

On the specifics of housing dispensation, individual property ownership is part of member interest declaration held by the Member Support officer, and published on the Council website. However dispensations have also taken into consideration circumstances where members have a relationship with someone else who is a property owner eg family, close friend. In such cases the advice has been that those members should seek a dispensation even though they have no direct property ownership.

**Question 3 from Councillor Abdullahi to Councillor Sitkin, Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Business Development**

Can the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Business Development update the Council on discussions about the future of Montagu Road Industrial Estate?

**Reply from Councillor Sitkin:**

Enfield has a proud and long standing industrial heritage and has been the birth place of many inventions that have revolutionised modern society. The demand and need for employment use land remains very strong along the Lee Valley corridor and industrial estates within our borough are of strategic importance within Greater

London's landscape, and indeed nationally.

With the borough's population expected to increase by about 40,000 in 20 years, we need to ensure that we promote sustainable settlements that allow people to have access to work in close proximity to where they live. Many of our industrial estates date back to the 1950s and there is a sharp contrast between those that are in private ownership and those still retained by the Council. The high demand for industrial land within the M25 requires us to consider a fresh approach to the management of our industrial estates, and officers are now actively identifying the options that are available to us. Much of this is commercially sensitive at present, but I intend to bring proposals to Cabinet before the summer break.

**Question 4 from Councillor Neville to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment**

In view of the fact the Mayor of London and Transport for London (TfL) have apparently now reached an accord with the trade unions over the running of certain underground lines, through the night at weekends, which we understand will start during May 2016 and include the Piccadilly Line, this plainly will attract a number of users from outside the borough.

Can he tell the Council what steps he is taking, or has taken, to consider a review of parking arrangements around the stations affected, during the extra running time of the trains at weekends?

**Reply from Councillor Anderson:**

The need for additional parking controls around the Piccadilly Line stations will be reviewed once the night tube commences and we are clear about its impact. However, we have been in discussion with Transport for London (TfL) about taxi rank provision.

**Question 5 from Councillor N Cazimoglu to Councillor Keazor, Cabinet Member for Public Health and Sport**

Can the Cabinet Member for Public Health and Sport update the Council on what opportunities there are in the borough for talented young sports people, and the steps the borough has taken to ensure that talented sports people with disabilities also have the best possible opportunities?

**Reply from Councillor Keazor:**

In partnership with Fusion the Council operates a scheme whereby talented young athletes competing at national level or ranked in the top 10 at County level in their respective sport are allowed to use the leisure centres free of charge to assist with their training.

The London Youth Games Finals, a sporting competition between the 33 London boroughs, enables talented athletes to take part in competition in 30 different sports. Trials take place to choose teams for the 30 sports and approximately 150 young

people from Enfield are chosen to take part in the finals.

There is a school/sports club scheme in place whereby pupils who enjoy a particular sport at school and would like to progress in that sport are directed to a linked sports club so that they can continue to play and develop at that sport.

#### Talented sports people with disabilities

The Borough currently enters teams into Pan-London events including Panathlon which is predominantly for those with physical disabilities and severe learning difficulties as well as specialised events for visually impaired, deaf and power-chair users. Enfield enters this annually and takes part in events including Football, New Age Kurling, Boccia, Table Cricket and Swimming. We enter teams into both the primary competitions and secondary age groups and usually enter participants from local Special Schools. Enfield always does well within these competitions and is regularly present at the finals which are held at the Copperbox arena. All participants that take part thoroughly enjoy this event and look forward to it every year.

Enfield also enters into all London Youth Games competitions for disabled young people, events under the Para-Games include Football, Athletics, Swimming, Boccia, Tennis and IZ Basketball. Again we enter teams from the local Special Schools and the athletes take great pride in competing for their Borough. We always do particularly well in the Male Football, Tennis and Athletics.

Approximately 100 people with disabilities take part.

We have great links with local clubs to signpost the participants on to keep up their training and always have talent ID at events and competitions to ensure that talented young people are recognised.

#### **Question 6 from Councillor Neville to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment**

With reference to the consultation on the Cycle Enfield proposals for Enfield Town, the consultation for which closed on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2015 (and which you declined despite my requests to extend), can you explain to Council why given that the consultation pro-forma was very much shorter than that for the A105, it has taken so long to disclose to the public the results of that consultation.

#### **Reply from Councillor Anderson:**

We haven't. We received over 2,700 responses to the Enfield Town consultation and it obviously takes time to carry out even an initial analysis of the many comments received. Nonetheless, there was less than a six-week gap between the end of the consultation (18<sup>th</sup> December) and the announcement of the initial findings (26<sup>th</sup> January), a period that included the Christmas break. Regarding your request for a consultation extension this was clearly unnecessary as the high number of responses demonstrated.

**Question 7 from Councillor Jiaage to Councillor A Cazimoglu, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care**

Can the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care update the Council on how it is engaging with the recent concerns about North Middlesex University Hospital NHS Trust?

**Reply from Councillor A Cazimoglu:**

There have been a number of concerns about the timeliness and quality of care and treatment at North Middlesex University Hospital in recent months.

The Council has sought to understand the underlying issues, seek assurance from the Trust Leadership about improvements and where appropriate offer support as part of the wider health and social care system locally.

In addition to discussions with the Scrutiny Work-stream a further public discussion is planned for the next meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

In the interim, leading members and officers have continued to meet with the Trust, including supporting work from leading national experts to help review the challenges faced by the Emergency Department at the Hospital. It is to their credit that throughout the leadership of the Hospital have sought to ensure an open and constructive dialogue that is not defensive but focused on ensuring hardworking and committed frontline NHS staff are supported to deliver high quality care at the right time in the right place, in many cases this is likely to be in primary care rather than the hospital.

I will continue to offer both support and constructive challenge that focuses on helping ensure this important local hospital returns to providing the timely, high quality care local people need and deserve. Inevitably this will also require a more appropriate funding settlement for local health and social care services that fully funds local need.

## Question 8 from Councillor Neville to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment

I have obtained under a Freedom of Information request FOI 20952/15 the fact that in relation to Enfield Town cycling proposals, the consultation revealed that

Proposal	Fully support	Partially support	Do not support	Not sure	No opinion	Total
Enfield Town Option 1	806	103	<b>1749</b>	36	13	2707
Enfield Town Option 6A	370	398	<b>1872</b>	50	17	2707
Southbury Road	359	48	<b>283</b>	10	1	701

A roughly 60:40 ratio against the proposals.

I note however that in a press statement in the week commencing 29 February 2016 you quote an even higher figure against.

Will the Cabinet Member

1. Confirm which set of figures is accurate, if either?
2. In the light of the fact that whichever figure is correct, there is clearly a substantial majority against, and therefore he will not be proceeding at all with these proposals?
3. Confirm to Council what alternative proposals he has in mind, if any?

### Reply from Councillor Anderson:

1. The different figures are a result of people being able to comment on both options rather than being forced to pick only one. The higher figures used in the press statement relate to the number of responses opposed to each individual option for Enfield Town. However, when amalgamating all the responses it is also true to say that 40% of respondents were in favour of one or other option and most respondents recognised the benefits of some change.
2. I have attempted to explain to Councillor Neville on numerous occasions that there is a difference between a consultation, which this was, and a referendum, which this wasn't. The progression of any of the schemes is not and never has been dependent on there being majority support.
3. As we have said from the outset we will be analysing the numerous responses to the consultation, together with discussion with the Mayor's Office and TfL, to amend our proposals and so produce the best possible scheme for Enfield Town. This work is ongoing and with 2,707 responses to consider it will take many more weeks to complete.

### **Question 9 from Councillor Pite to Councillor A Cazimoglu, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care**

Can the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care update on the level of demand on Enfield Social Care Services over recent months?

#### **Reply from Councillor Cazimoglu:**

The demand for adult social care services has continued to grow year on year at the rate of between 3% and 4%. We know that the rate of general population growth is just over 1% every year but:

- That our population is getting older with increasing numbers of people with dementia
- There are increasing numbers of people with mental ill health
- Increasing numbers of people with a learning disability
- More younger adults with physical disabilities who need our help
- An increasingly aging carer population who need our help to manage and to keep on caring where they can

But the pressures are not all down to increasing numbers of people but also the number of cases the Council is having to work with around deprivation of liberty safeguards, in completing best interest mental capacity assessments to ensure where people are placed in a restricted setting (usually residential), that it is in their best interests to be so. A recent court ruling has resulted in a significant increase within this area of work (66 cases last year and over 800 predicted for this year).

Of course all of this must be considered in the light of the extensive cuts applied by Central Government. Given social care expenditure is such a high % of total Council spending it must be subject to cuts.

Our enablement service which works with people both to avoid hospital and to support discharge, has doubled the number of people it works with over the last three years. They've also been very successful in helping more people to achieve independence with fewer residential and nursing placements and over 70% of the service users requiring no further support from us after receiving the service. So the message is a positive one and testament to the dedication and hard work of our front line staff but I need to end with a word of caution.

- Adult Social Care is facing significant funding reductions
- The number of people who need our help will continue to increase and our funding to meet that need will decrease
- These will bring with them a level of risk which we will do our very best to manage

### **Question 10 from Councillor Neville to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment**

Can the Cabinet Member for Environment tell the Council in connection with the Cycle Enfield proposals for Enfield Town why, given that he has not announced



publically, or at all, the results of the consultation on the Enfield Town proposals, which revealed a 60/40 result against those proposals, the current key decision list on our website lists KD 4112 Approval of Cycle Enfield Proposals for Enfield Town, indicating that the Cabinet are due to make a decision on this, not before the 1 June 2016.

Perhaps you can tell the Council the nature of that decision and when you propose to announce publicly the results of the consultation.

**Reply from Councillor Anderson:**

Councillor Neville is mistaken. As I have already stated in my response to Question 6, the initial results have already been announced publicly with a press statement released on the 26<sup>th</sup> January. This resulted in the front page story in the Enfield Advertiser on the 27<sup>th</sup> January. A results summary has also been available on the Cycle Enfield website since last month.

**Question 11 from Councillor Hamilton to Councillor Sitkin, Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Business Development**

Can the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Business Development update the Council on the efforts the London Borough of Enfield is making to facilitate greater employability for individuals with learning disabilities and/or mental health problems?

**Reply from Councillor Sitkin:**

Employability support for individuals with learning disabilities and/or mental health problems is yet another area where the government has neglected its responsibilities to support the most vulnerable in our society. The mainstream provision from Job Centres and even the Work programme is not geared up to support individuals most in need.

In Enfield we do what we can with very limited amounts of funding. Where we can secure grant funding, for our job brokerage service Jobsnet, then we can use it to improve mainstream delivery by facilitating activity between the Job Centres and Adult Social Services to provide support for residents with health barriers, including mental health issues and learning disabilities. At a recent Department for Work and Pensions organised job fair held at Southgate College, we had a Jobsnet stand promoting support options for those with disabilities.

Where funding can be secured, the Council's Skills for Work Service will deliver support activities for those with learning disabilities and/or mental health problems. There is an ongoing specialised work experience placement programme delivered in partnership with the mental health team.

Skills Funding Agency contract funding has been secured to establish a Supported Internship programme for young people aged 16-25 with learning difficulties. The programme has been developed with schools and employers and was recently launched through a briefing session for all potentially interested parties wanting to be

part of the partnership on 24th February at Forty Hall. There are 15 young people due to start in September and over time the service will seek to support more young people.

**Question 12 from Councillor Neville to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment**

Can he tell the Council:

- Why in the case of the A105 consultation on cycle proposals for that route, which ended on 9 October 2015 and was itself a complex consultation, comprising of some 20 pages, you were able to announce a result with some fanfare on 9 November 2015?
- Why in the case of Enfield Town, where the consultation was much simpler and ended on 18 December 2015, as at 1 March 2016, has no public pronouncement yet been made?

**Reply from Councillor Anderson:**

Actually, the initial findings for the Enfield Town consultation were released just as quickly as for the A105 when taking the Christmas break into account. As I have already stated in my responses to Questions 6 and 10 above a public announcement was made on the 26<sup>th</sup> January 2016 resulting in the front page story in the Enfield Advertiser on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2016. A results summary has also been available on the Cycle Enfield website since last month.

**Question 13 from Councillor Barry to Councillor Orhan, Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services and Protection**

Can the Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services and Protection inform the Council of the Government's recently announced reforms for social work services to children and families in Enfield?

**Reply from Councillor Orhan:**

In January, the government issued a document entitled 'Children's Social Care Reform: A Vision for Change'. This provides information about a series of changes that the government is proposing are made within this area of our work.

The changes are grouped into three broad categories:-

- People and leadership
- Practice and systems
- Governance and accountability

The government will be expanding the number of places available for students to qualify as social workers, including an expansion of the Frontline programme, for which Enfield has been one of the lead authorities. There will also be a new

Accreditation process for social workers who are dealing with vulnerable children and their families

The government is keen to remove some of the extensive regulations, as was recommended by Professor Eileen Munro, which currently can inhibit social workers in responding to families. A number of local authorities will be chosen to work with the Department for Education (DfE) on de-regulating existing practices and innovating new methods of service intervention, in order to develop new ways of working with said families. A new body for children's social care will also be commissioned to develop, initiate and disseminate best practice, working to a similar model to that developed by NICE (National Institute for Clinical Excellence).

The government is also keen to encourage local authorities to share services across traditional boundaries and/or develop new frameworks, such as 'not for profit' Trusts, to deliver these services. The first set of changes will be in the area of Adoption Agencies where a new set of arrangements for London are currently being prepared.

If Members wish to read a full copy of this report, it is available via the DfE website or through the hyperlink below

[Hyperlink](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/childrens-social-care-reform-a-vision-for-change)

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#### **Question 14 from Councillor Neville to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment**

I note that up until the date on which the Cabinet Member announced an extension of the period for consultation on Southbury Road cycle proposals, only 149 people had responded. 133 of those appear to be persons who presently are able to park outside their houses and so it is perhaps unsurprising that they form the bulk of the objectors. The following questions arise:

1. What thought was given by the Cabinet Member when approving these proposals for consultation as to how the parking in Southbury Road would be accommodated?
2. In the Cabinet Member's view what do these numbers say about public awareness of the Council's proposals for Southbury Road?
3. Does he still seriously believe that this section of Cycle Enfield should be proceeded with?
4. Can he confirm that both he and the relevant officers actually inspected Southbury Road before these proposals were launched and when?

#### **Reply from Councillor Anderson:**

Councillor Neville is, once again, mistaken. The Southbury Road consultation has not been extended. Alas, Councillor Neville seems to be confusing the consultation for the A1010 South (Hertford Road) with the Southbury Road consultation (A110),

which ended on the 18th December 2015 and received a healthy 701 responses. Perhaps, Councillor Neville isn't familiar with the eastern part of the borough?

Regarding the parking on Southbury Road this was carefully considered by our consultants before the draft scheme went out for public consultation. However, as with all our schemes, we are carefully considering the extensive consultation responses before we bring forward any amended proposals. To that end, we are in discussion with the Mayor of London's Office and TfL, and there will be no progression unless and until we are all agreed on the best way forward.

**Question 15 from Councillor Dogan to Councillor Keazor, Cabinet Member for Public Health and Sport**

Can the Cabinet Member for Public Health and Sport update the Council on how Enfield Council is working with NHS North Central London (NCL) to develop sustainability and transformation plans?

**Reply from Councillor Keazor:**

The NCL Transformation Programme Board has been established with representation from all relevant partners (including Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), boroughs, providers, NHS England and Healthwatch). We are keen to ensure ongoing involvement of members and officers in governance structures. Officers have pressed the importance of early and meaningful engagement with Health and Wellbeing Board. I look forward to continuing to work with Councillors Taylor, Cazimoglu and Orhan and others on the Health and Wellbeing Board to make sure plans lead to improvements for local people. Public Health across the NCL area has been requested to provide input and support to the Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) development process.

The five identified key opportunity areas for prevention are:-

1. Children and young people
2. Diabetes and Stroke
3. Ageing well and independence
4. Mental Health
5. Sexual Health

Enfield's Public Health team is providing leadership in the diabetes and stroke focus area across the NCL area. To this end Public Health in Enfield has also been pivotal in the setting up and initial activities of the NCL Hypertension Leadership Group which is chaired by Enfield's Director of Public Health. We have also been heavily engaged with the Pan-London Hypertension Leadership Group which is also chaired by Enfield's Director of Public Health.

**Question 16 from Councillor Neville to Councillor Anderson Cabinet Member for Environment**

Can he tell the Council specifically what consultation was made with London Buses about:

- a) The cycling proposals for the A105
- b) The cycling proposals for Enfield Town
- c) The cycling proposals for Southbury Road/A1010
- d) Was their response a written one, and if so will he produce it in answering this question for the benefit of the council, and the public?

**Reply from Councillor Anderson:**

Once again, I think Councillor Neville has confused Southbury Road (A110) with the Hertford Road South (A1010). Nonetheless, London Buses are an integral part of TfL's approvals process for Mini Holland schemes. Numerous discussions have been held with London Buses to ensure that all our schemes clear this approvals process and these discussions will continue throughout the design period. TfL are responsible for London's entire bus service and clearly would not approve any scheme that prevented its efficient operation.

**Question 17 from Councillor Simon to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment**

Can the Cabinet Member for Environment please update the Council on the progress of Cycle Enfield?

**Reply from Councillor Anderson:**

Indeed I can. I'm pleased to report that our first main road cycle route, for the A105, was approved by Cabinet on the 10<sup>th</sup> February 2016 and cleared the subsequent call-in before Overview & Scrutiny on the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016. Furthermore, in response to a request that funding for the A105 scheme be withheld, the Mayor of London has made clear in a letter to David Burrowes, that he does not want to see the scheme cancelled and confirmed that the Council has followed all the correct procedures, adding that Transport for London's legal advice is that there is no basis for refusing to release funding. Implementation is, therefore, expected to start by the summer, if not sooner, and I look forward to Enfield setting a shining example to the rest of the country of how to encourage cycling, improve health and wellbeing and enhance our town centres.

Regarding our consultations for Enfield Town and Southbury Road (A110), we had a fantastic response and are now carefully analysing all the feedback in discussion with the Mayor of London's Office and TfL to ensure that we are all agreed on the best way forward in order to deliver the best possible schemes for the borough.

Consultation for the A1010 South (Hertford Road) was always going to be more difficult given the traditionally low level of responses to consultation exercises in the area, e.g. Deephams and the Waste Incinerator, and so has been extended to accommodate further efforts to encourage responses from this often hard to reach part of the borough. Lessons learned will then be applied when we consult on the A1010 North in the summer.

## **Question 18 from Councillor Neville to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment**

At the meetings of the Partnership Board, the Project Board and the Cabinet, assurances were given that as regards the cycling proposals for the A105, there would be full consultation with the London Ambulance Service which up to the date of the Cabinet does not appear to have taken place – the phrase being used being “they had not engaged”. What steps is he taking, to ensure that one of the most important emergency services is properly consulted about those proposals?

### **Reply from Councillor Anderson:**

Prior to the meeting of Cabinet on 10 February 2016 officers made the following attempts to engage with the London Ambulance Service:

- Email dated 4/09/2015 to stakeholders, including the Metropolitan Police, London Ambulance Service and London Fire Brigade, inviting them to participate in the A105 consultation. The email included a link to the scheme drawings and questionnaire on the Cycle Enfield website.
- Email dated 30/09/2015 to the London Ambulance Service, advising that Police and Fire representatives are available to meet on 8 and 9/10/2015.
- Email dated 6/11/2015 to London Ambulance Service, London Fire Brigade and Metropolitan Police suggesting new meeting dates of 12, 13, 16 and 18/11/2015
- Meeting invitation dated 16/11/2015 to Fire, Police and Ambulance. The responses were as follows: London Ambulance Service – one officer declined and another did not reply, Metropolitan Police –declined, London Fire Brigade – tentative, another officer gave no reply and Leslie Bowman declined.

Subsequent to the Cabinet meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> February:

- Email dated 1/03/2016 to London Ambulance Service, advising of the difficulties engaging with London Ambulance Service and further opportunities to influence the final designs during the detailed design phase and statutory consultation. Requested contact details of the relevant officer to meet before 9/03/2016.
- Email dated 3/03/2016 from the London Ambulance Service, apologising for the difficulties getting hold of someone in the LAS. He put this down to a restructure within the Trust and colleague’s moving to other roles.
- On 8/03/2016 officers met with an officer from the London Ambulance Service to discuss the A105 proposals and response times. He confirmed that any potential issues can be worked through as the A105 plans are developed and that he is the LAS contact for Cycle Enfield consultations.

During the detailed design phase and statutory consultation, we will make further efforts to engage with the London Ambulance Service.

## **Question 19 from Councillor Fonyonga to Councillor Sitkin, Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Business Development**

To what does the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Business Development attribute the fact that for the fifth month running, Enfield's employment rate has shot up above the London average?

### **Reply from Councillor Sitkin:**

There are a number of factors contributing to this sharp improvement in Enfield's economic fortunes.

In terms of job opportunities here in Enfield, one factor is the Economic Development department's pursuit of direct, un-intermediated relationships with all companies, big and small. We are constantly being congratulated by the business community for this entrepreneurial attitude, one they tell us is very rare in the UK today. Employers like the fact that the Department is always proactively asking how it can facilitate all kinds of business operations locally. The net effect is to raise Enfield's profile and create greater desire on companies' part to move into our borough and/or to expand operations they are already running here.

Beyond Enfield, I am also very proud that our residents are doing so much better in the wider labour market, successfully competing for jobs at all levels in the economy. When Enfield's employment rate rises more quickly than other London boroughs do – as has been the case in recent month – what this signals is our success in creating positive change supporting residents who have in the past found it more difficult to access the jobs market.

It is worth noting, for instance, the efforts of LBE Jobsnet colleagues working in job centres, taking referrals from Job Centre Plus (JCP) Work Coaches and delivering outreach employability services through Edmonton and Unity Hub libraries. Otherwise, we also laud the Skills for Work Service, which uses externally funded contracts to deliver employability skills support to adults in the community and to deliver apprenticeships. Not to mention work done in conjunction with Enfield's excellent Youth Services department to augment the work-readiness of our school leavers, or our strong collaboration with Enterprise Enfield, sustaining entrepreneurship among our residents. A goal we are also reaching in certain early phase manufacturing sectors through our strong support for Building Bloqs and other friendly bodies.

On top of this, the Economic Development department has also developed a particularly strong partnership with colleagues at Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) job centres, one aspect of which has been a DWP staff secondment to Enfield. This has improved our knowledge of different opportunities and helped us to ensure that Enfield residents get the first chance to access those jobs. Sharing JCP information and data through regular bulletins on claimant data has also allowed us to better target efforts in some of our more deprived areas, starting with Edmonton.

Note that much of this activity is dependent on external funding sources. Meaning that we will only be able to increase the scale of the useful support we have been providing if further grants and/or contracts are secured.

**Question 20 from Councillor Neville to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment**

At the meetings of the Partnership Board, the Project Board and the Cabinet, assurances were given that as regards the cycling proposals for the A105, members were told in the written report that the London Fire Brigade had raised no concerns.

Can he specifically confirm to Council that this statement was accurate as I am informed that the London Fire Brigade locally had simply had a meeting with officers but had not made a formal response?

If a written response exists, please produce it in answering this question.

For his convenience the relevant paragraph of the report to Cabinet is set out below:

**Impact on Blue Light Services**

On 18 November 2015, officers met with the London Fire Brigade (LFB) to discuss the proposals and impacts on response times. LFB did not raise any concerns at the meeting or via the consultation. Despite repeated attempts, the London Ambulance Service have not so far engaged in the design process, although there will be a further opportunity for any comments to be considered as part of the statutory consultation process. It is anticipated that in the absence of feedback that the requirements of one blue-light service will not be different from that of another blue-light service. (Extract from Report No: 174 Para 4.17 considered at Cabinet on 10 February 2016).

**Reply from Councillor Anderson:**

As I stated in my response to Question 18, on 4/09/2015 officers sent an email to stakeholders, including the Metropolitan Police, London Ambulance Service and London Fire Brigade, inviting them to participate in the A105 consultation. The email included a link to the scheme drawings and questionnaire on the Cycle Enfield website. Earlier this week, Commander Leslie Bowman advised that London Fire Brigade (LFB) headquarters had not replied to the A105 consultation. Officers met with LFB on 18/11/2015 to discuss the A105 proposals and impacts on response times. LFB did not raise any concerns.

**Question 21 from Councillor Levy to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment**

Can the Cabinet Member for Environment please update the Council on his progress in seeking to address resident concerns about the safety of the Parsonage Lane/Baker Street crossing?



**Reply from Councillor Anderson:**

Indeed I can. A feasibility study has been commissioned and the early indications from the traffic modelling are that it should be possible to introduce an 'all-red' pedestrian phase with countdown at the junction. I think that pedestrian safety is of paramount importance and funding has been allocated from the 2016/17 LIP programme to allow this scheme to be progressed.

I am, however, conscious that any new pedestrian facilities will take some time to deliver, in large part because TfL already have a significant number of traffic signal schemes in the pipeline. In the short-term, contrasting anti-skid surfacing will therefore be installed on all of the junction approaches to improve safety for all road users.

**Question 22 from Councillor Neville to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment**

At the meetings of the Partnership Board, the Project Board and the Cabinet, assurances were given that as regards the cycling proposals for the A105, the Cabinet report said there had been consultation with the Metropolitan Police and there were no concerns as to response times. A glance at the paper submitted by the Metropolitan Police Traffic Management Unit attached to the Cabinet Papers makes no reference to response times, perhaps unsurprisingly, since that unit, as its title implies is "traffic management". Is he satisfied that the police have been properly consulted about the effect on their response times along the A105 if these proposals are implemented, particularly given the volume of emergency calls they are required to attend which involve use of that route?

**Reply from Councillor Anderson:**

The role of the Traffic Management Unit is to provide the Metropolitan Police response when consulted by highway authorities on new highway designs and changes to infrastructure and speed limits where there is a statutory duty for the highway authority to consult police. The Traffic Management Unit highlights potential safety issues, together with any aspect of the proposal that may impact on operational policing or enforcement.

As I have already stated in my response to Questions 18 and 20, on 4/09/2015 officers sent an email to stakeholders, including the Metropolitan Police, London Ambulance Service and London Fire Brigade, inviting them to participate in the A105 consultation. Although the Metropolitan Police did not return a completed questionnaire, they met with officers on 24/11/2015 to discuss the A105 proposals and did not raise any concerns about response times.

I am, therefore, satisfied that the police have been properly consulted about the effect on their response times along the A105.

### **Question 23 from Councillor Jemal to Councillor Taylor, Leader of the Council**

Can the Leader of the Council comment on the implications of the Chancellor of the Exchequer's budget for Enfield?

#### **Reply from Councillor Taylor:**

The Chancellor's Budget will be announced on Wednesday the 16 March 2016 which is after the date for publication of answers to Council questions. I will provide an update to Council on the night if there are any significant Budget 2016 announcements that change our understanding of the Local Government Finance Settlement in February. For now I would refer Councillor Jemal to my answer to Councillor Kepez at the last meeting regarding the 2016/17 Settlement.

### **Question 24 from Councillor Neville to Councillor Stafford, Cabinet Member Finance and Efficiency**

Could you please let me have the following information:

1. How many staff will be retiring/resigning/or being made redundant with effect from 31 March 2016 shown by department and grade?
2. Excluding those in (1) above, in the 12 months ended 31 March 2016 please confirm
  - a. How many posts have been formally made redundant?
  - b. How much compensation has been paid?
  - c. How many have been replaced in a different guise or by agency cover?

#### **Reply from Councillor Stafford:**

1. At this moment in time it is not possible to predict the numbers retiring/resigning/ or being made redundant as consultation has just commenced and will continue through April 2016 on potential restructures throughout the Council. The experience of last year is that the consultation results in a number of alternative options eg: natural wastage.
2.
  - a. How many posts have been formally made redundant - 349 members of staff have been made redundant.
  - b. How much compensation has been paid - The redundancy payments were £2.3 million.
  - c. How many have been replaced in a different guise or by agency cover? The employee headcount for the Council (including Enfield Homes) was 4,049 in March 2015 and 3,624 in March 2016. The headcount for agency staff was 869 in March compared to 699 in March 2016. The overall reduction of 549 in headcount is greater than the 349 and has been achieved through a number of alternative strategies including the freezing of posts.

**Question 25 from Councillor Kepez to Councillor Keazor, Cabinet Member for Public Health and Sport**

Can the Cabinet Member for Public Health and Sport update the Council on what activities young people in Enfield can look forward to during the Easter break?

**Reply from Councillor Keazor:**

Both the Council and Fusion Lifestyle, the operator of the leisure centres in the borough, run holiday activities for young people over Easter.

The Council's Easter activity brochure includes athletics, cheerleading, dance, gymnastics, football, trampolining and horse riding.

There is a full programme of various activities being carried out by Fusion at the leisure centres which include numerous swimming pool, sports hall and fitness based activities. More information on all the activities taking place is available on the Fusion website [www.fusion-lifestyle.com/enfield](http://www.fusion-lifestyle.com/enfield).

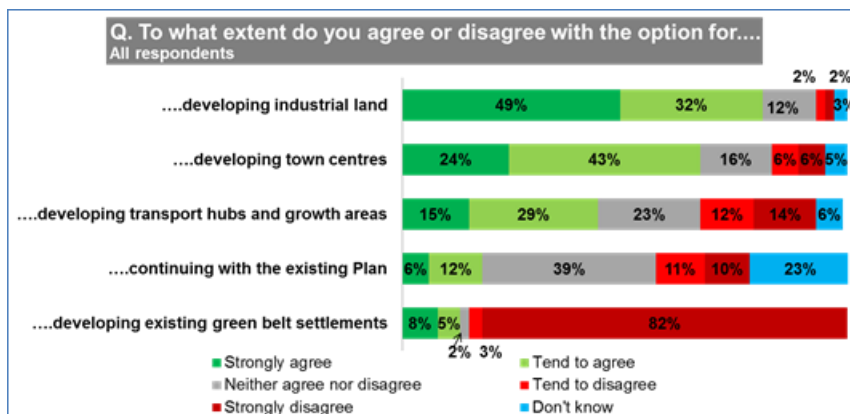
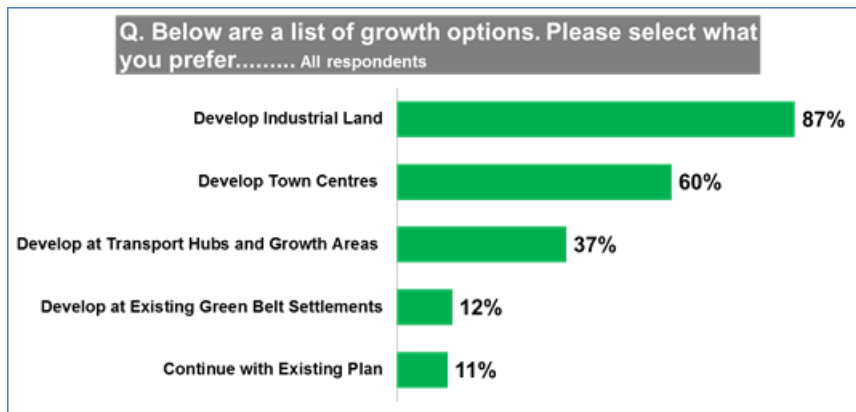
Free swimming is also available to young people aged Under16 at all leisure centres in the borough over the Easter holidays.

**Question 26 from Councillor Vince to Councillor Sitkin, Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Business Development**

Would the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Business Development inform the Council how many responses there were to the Local Plan consultation and what was the general view of those responses?

**Reply from Councillor Sitkin:**

The Local Plan was subject to consultation from 18<sup>th</sup> December to 12<sup>th</sup> February 2016 . 915 comments were received. Most of the responses include detailed text responses which will take several weeks to analyse. In terms of quantitative feedback the following charts show results on the growth scenarios section. This shows a clear preference for developing industrial land (87%) followed by developing at town centres (60%) and developing at transport hubs and growth areas (37%) (Note: more than one answer could be selected).



It should be noted that a large proportion of these responses have made reference to a single site within the Green Belt and support the stance recommended by Enfield Road Watch on their website. It would also be useful to ascertain the extent to which members of this one body dominated the sample of respondents – and conversely, whether many responses were received from the many more Enfield residents who do not live in the North of our borough. Further analysis will be important in helping set a spatial vision and informing next stage of plan production which will involve consultation on a detailed Issues and Options document in the Autumn.

**Question 27 from Councillor During to Councillor Sitkin, Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Business**

Can the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration update the Council on efforts being made to use digital education to address unemployment in Edmonton Green?

**Reply from Councillor Sitkin:**

Through a joint initiative with Barnet and Southgate College and community representatives, the Council has been working to establish a Digital Hub in the vicinity of Edmonton Green. The aim is to deliver an innovative traineeship programme that will equip participants with the skills required to progress on to Apprenticeships and into sustainable employment. Barnet and Southgate College has secured a BIS digital technology fund to support projects involving cutting-edge IT equipment.

**Question 28 from Councillor Laban to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment**

Please could the Cabinet Member for Environment inform the chamber how many front line staff from his department will go as a result of the budget set at the last full council meeting?

**Reply from Councillor Anderson:**

Two front line staff.

**Question 29 from Councillor Pite to Councillor Oyken, Cabinet Member for Housing and Housing Regeneration**

The last time I was at Ladderswood Estate during the General Election, the buildings were being demolished.

Please could the Cabinet Member for Housing and Housing Regeneration update the Council on progress in the short time since then? Is it possible to provide pictorial evidence of the development? Could the Cabinet member also supply a similarly illustrated update for Dujardin Mews, the works in progress in Exeter Road and in Lychett Way?

**Reply from Councillor Oyken:**

**Ladderswood**

Since the General Election Ladderswood has seen a substantial amount of works being progressed on site.

Due to an ageing heating system the Council agreed to decant nine tenants from Curtis House into Betspath House. Once we achieved vacant possession in August 2014 the block was handed over to the developer for demolition. Additionally in January 2015 we obtained vacant possession of both Danford House and the industrial estate and both have now been demolished and cleared, again all ahead of the original schedule.

The basement in the first block has been prepared to enable the new Combined Heat and power unit (CHP) to be installed and we have been working closely with Energetic to enable this to happen.

Phase 1 is well advanced and progressing well. Currently sewer and gas diversions works are in progress and set to last until the end of April. Site preparation in commencement of Phase 2 will formally start in April 2016.

**Dujardin Mews**

This scheme of 38 homes is the first part of the Alma Estate regeneration programme. Homes are being made available to tenants and leaseholders moving

from the Alma estate. All residents moving to Dujardin Mews have selected finishes including flooring colour and type, kitchens, worktops and handles. The homes are a mix of houses, maisonettes and flats. They will be the first that the Council has built in over 20 years.

Thirty eight homes will be built; 19 for Council rent and 19 for shared equity. Completion is due this summer.

### **Lytchet Way**

The Lytchet Way Housing estate consists of 440 homes arranged across 17 medium rise (3 and 4 storey) blocks in Enfield Highway ward.

The blocks have previously had Decent Homes works undertaken internally (such as new kitchens and bathrooms) and now the external improvements are about to commence. These works will include brickwork repairs, new windows, IRS, communal decorations and roof / external wall insulation. This programme will also complete the internal works to any kitchens and bathrooms still needing upgrading in the rented units on site.

The blocks will be rendered and painted from a pastel palette to unify the appearance of the estate. In addition there will be a landscaping upgrade providing rain gardens, new permeable parking and bike storage.

In addition to the extensive refurbishment works to this estate we are also undertaking the construction of 25 new roof top homes for rent on three of the existing blocks.

Twelve other blocks on this estate will also be converted from the existing flat roof configuration to pitched roofs, in one of the largest roofing conversion schemes ever undertaken to social housing stock in the UK.

### **Exeter Road**

The Exeter Road Housing estate consists of 200 flats arranged across four high rise (13 storey) blocks and 30 units in two low rise blocks each of four storeys. It is located along the southern edge of Durant's Park.

The high rise blocks have previously had major Decent Homes works undertaken internally (such as new kitchens and bathrooms) and now the external improvements are near to completion. These works have included concrete repairs, new windows, communal decorations and roof / external wall insulation.

The Council has primarily funded these works from the Housing Revenue Account (HRA), however we have also attracted approximately £1m of external funding for the Insulation works via the Energy Company Obligation (ECO) initiative which has on this occasion been funded by British Gas.

The final phase of the planned works on the estate is the replacement of the failing underfloor electric heating system. The new heating system is part of the Capital

Works programme included in the Council's (HRA business plan. The low rise blocks will also have Decent Homes works undertaken in 2016/17.

**Question 30 from Councillor Laban to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment**

Please could the Cabinet Member for Environment inform the chamber how many managers will go from his department as a result of the budget set at the last full Council meeting?

**Reply from Councillor Anderson:**

This cannot be determined until the completion of further reviews and consultation, which make up a 'part-year' effect of the identified savings". These are not due until the mid-point of the financial year.

**Question 31 from Councillor Doyle to Councillor Orhan, Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services and Protection**

Can the Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services and Protection update the Council on how the Authority is doing in regards to the numbers of schools judged 'Good' and 'Outstanding' in Enfield?

**Reply from Councillor Orhan:**

Members will know how passionate I am about ensuring all Enfield children receive the very best education they can have and I am therefore delighted to see the rapid improvement in the proportion of our schools which are now judged to be Good or Outstanding and I pay tribute to the hard work and determination of officers and schools in achieving this outcome.

Colleagues will be aware we implemented our School Intervention and Support Strategy in 2012 and have continued our investment in an effective School Improvement Service to deliver it. This Strategy provides a mechanism, working jointly with our schools, for assessing their effectiveness. This is based not only on previous Ofsted outcomes but on the school's self-evaluation and the local authority's wealth of local and current knowledge, the outcome of which results in the provision and brokering of appropriate support to drive further improvement, even in our most effective schools.

The most recent official data on Ofsted outcomes (August 2015) shows that the percentage of our pupils attending a school judged to be Good or better at 89% is above the national and London figures. This is a significant increase on the 2012 figure of 72%.

	% Pupils attending a school judged to be Good or better	% of schools	No. of schools
<b>Enfield</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>83</b>
National	81%	84%	17,750
London	88%	88%	2,169

In the last two weeks 2 more Enfield schools have been judged to be good by Ofsted. Once these results have been validated, this will take our results to well above national and London percentages and several more schools are ready and desperate for a visit from Ofsted to demonstrate how good they are and increase that proportion still further.

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**Question 32 from Councillor Laban to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment?**

Please could the Cabinet Member for Environment inform the chamber of the changes planned for Whitewebb's Golf Course?

**Reply from Councillor Anderson:**

Councillor Laban's colleague, Councillor Smith, has, I believe, proposed that the site be used for housing; however given this is not an appropriate use of the site officers are looking at options to improve the golfing offer and will bring these forward in due course subject to viability. Therefore there are no current planned changes.

**Question 33 from Councillor Esendagli to Councillor Oyken, Cabinet Member for Housing and Housing Regeneration**

On 22 January 2016 an article by Ruth McKee was published in the Enfield Advertiser, describing a Decent Homes development designed to use underground energy sources to heat up to 170 homes that was just starting at the Exeter Road Estate.

Could the Cabinet Member for Housing and Housing Regeneration provide the Council with an update on these underground works and the accompanying major works programme at Exeter Road?

**Reply from Councillor Oyken:**

**Exeter Road**

The Exeter Road Housing estate consists of 200 flats arranged across 4 high rise (13 storey) blocks and 30 units in 2 low rise blocks each of 4 storeys. It is located along the southern edge of Durant's Park.

The tower blocks are currently benefitting from approximately £1m of external investment by way of ECO funding from British Gas to provide partial funding of the new windows and External Wall Insulation.

The final phase of the planned works on the estate is the replacement of the failing



underfloor electric heating system. The new heating system is part of the Capital Works programme included in the Council's Housing Revenue Account (HRA) business plan; however the choice of replacement system was restricted due to funding pressures.

The heating solution chosen entails the drilling of 60+ bore holes to depths of over 200 metres under both HRA land and also a small area of adjoining land in Durants Park to install the new 'Ground Source Heat Pumps', which will in turn power a new 'wet' heating system in the flats.

This innovative solution attracts funding under the Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) scheme and upon completion of the works the scheme will attract nearly £1m of additional ECO funding for the Council as well as RHI payments in excess of £2.0m over the 20 year post completion period (subject to the amount of heat actually used).

Although the 'bore' drilling and heat pump installation is being carried out by a specialist contractor, the domestic plumbing works in the blocks and individual flats has been sub-contracted to an Enfield based plumbing and heating contractor thereby protecting local jobs..

The combined insulation and heating measures are estimated to save in the region of 60% of the total fuel bill, which could be as much as £600 per family, per annum.

This development of a Domestic Ground Source Heat Pump system for a major social housing landlord is the first in England.

**Question 34 from Councillor Laban to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment**

Could the Cabinet Member for Environment inform the chamber of the fly tipping levels since the launch of the Don't be a Tosser / Don't mess with Enfield communications campaign?

**Reply from Councillor Anderson:**

Enfield Council's 'Don't be a Tosser' fly tipping campaign started in mid-January 2016. Tonnage figures for the 4th quarter for fly tipping will not be available until April 2016, but the positive response we have received to the campaign from residents has been encouraging. This has included good levels of engagement on social media, widespread press coverage and an increase of traffic to our website – 4,592 fly tipping-related views since January. Other campaign activity includes a high impact poster campaign and adverts in the local press.

**Question 35 from Councillor Hasan to Councillor A Cazimoglu, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care**

Can the Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care update on progress of the new Care Home on the Hertford Road?

### **Reply from Councillor Cazimoglu:**

We are now at the halfway point in the build programme (week 30) and practical completion remains on target at the end of October 2016. The steel frame will be fully erected by the end of the month and work on the precast planks and facing brickwork will commence in April. Morgan Sindall, the build contractor, continues to undertake community engagement including monthly newsletters to neighbouring residents, school visits and have also attended a construction careers day at the College of Haringey, Enfield and North East London. Furthermore, will are also exploring opportunities for apprentices to be involved in the project where possible. The procurement for the service provider to run the new facility is underway, with completed submissions due by 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016.

### **Question 36 from Councillor Laban to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment**

Could the Cabinet Member for Environment inform the chamber of the number of fines issued from our litter wardens for December 2015, January and February 2016?

### **Reply from Councillor Anderson:**

<b>Month</b>	<b>No. of Litter FPNs</b>	<b>No. of spitting FPNs</b>
December 2015	581	53
January 2016	642	38
February 2016	723	45

### **Question 37 from Councillor Lemonides to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment**

Can the Cabinet Member for Environment please update the Council on the number of littering enforcement actions taken in the last 12 months?

### **Reply from Councillor Anderson:**

Over the last 12 months, 7,316 Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) for littering have been issued and 205 litter prosecutions taken place. In addition, the litter enforcement officers have issued 186 FPNs for spitting and we have prosecuted 8 individuals for spitting in contravention of the bye-law.

### **Question 38 from Councillor Laban to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment**

Does the Cabinet Member for Environment not agree that a £650 increase for a memorial bench is excessive when the price of a mausoleum was reduced by £1000.00?

### **Reply from Councillor Anderson:**

The pricing and service offer for parks and cemeteries memorial benches has been

aligned. The rate for parks now includes the provision of a 10-year lease and maintenance plan. The rate has been benchmarked and is comparable to others for a similar provision. The rate for mausoleums has reduced following a review of competitor rates and demand.

**Question 39 from Councillor Stewart to Councillor Keazor, Cabinet Member for Public Health and Sport**

Can the Cabinet Member for Public Health and Sport update the Council on how many people in Enfield have diabetes now and how many are estimated to have it in 2030?

**Reply from Councillor Keazor:**

Recorded prevalence of diabetes in 2014/15 in Enfield was 7.1% (17,477 patients [over 17]) which was higher than the national and regional prevalence; and it is an increase of 1.7% since 2008/09. Estimated prevalence (diagnosed and undiagnosed) for 2015 is 8.3% (20,343 in number) and is predicted to rise to 10.4% (27,000 patients with diabetes) by 2030.

The estimates are calculated from the prevalence modelling developed by Yorkshire and Humber Public Health Observatory (now part of Public Health England).

**Question 40 from Councillor Laban to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment**

As the Cabinet Member for Environment's ward has litter-pickers in back streets, could he commit to every ward having such a service, therefore delivering the Council's key priority of fairness for all?

**Reply from Councillor Anderson:**

If Councillor Laban had told me that she was intending to visit my ward, I would have taken her on a tour round culminating in a coffee at a local cafe. The Council has a scheduled street cleansing service and with a limited reactive response service, which has been targeted at areas of the borough where standards of cleansing deteriorate quickly due to higher density of housing. This resource has been used to maintain equitable standards across the borough. However, from April, as a result of the savage cuts imposed by George Osborne and this Tory Government, alas, this resource will be taken out. I would hope that Councillor Laban would join me in writing to the Chancellor condemning his cuts policy.

**Question 41 from Councillor Maguire to Councillor Taylor, Leader of the Council**

Can the Leader of the Council give an update on the timescale for the work of the West Anglia Taskforce and the impact it will have on Enfield?

**Reply from Councillor Taylor:**

The Taskforce is due to publish its report on improvements on the West Anglia mainline in June. Ahead of that a Prospectus has just been published which sets out the case for a range of rail investments.

In terms of the impact of the Taskforce on Enfield, the borough benefits in the short term by being a key member of a nationally recognised Taskforce (representatives of which recently met the Chancellor of the Exchequer) focused on improving rail services along the Upper Lee Valley. In addition, following the delivery of new tracks and a station at Meridian Water, the Taskforce is pushing for improvements which address the problems caused by level crossings and increase how often trains call at Enfield's stations; both of which would have a very positive impact on our residents.

**Question 42 from Councillor Laban to Councillor Anderson, Cabinet Member for Environment**

Could the Cabinet Member for Environment set out the number of reports and enquiries made by the public in relation to his department, broken down by telephone and via the website?

**Reply from Councillor Anderson:**

Since 1 January 2016 there have been the following reports relating to Environment Services:

Old e-forms – 3,420  
New e-forms – 2,032  
E-forms completed by the call centre – 1,430  
Calls into 1000 number - 6,325

**Question 43 from Councillor Pite to Councillor Oykener, Cabinet Member for Housing and Housing Regeneration**

At the last Full Council meeting, questions were raised regarding progress on the small sites developments in Chase ward amongst others. Please could the Cabinet Member for Housing and Housing Regeneration provide a comprehensive update?

**Reply from Councillor Oykener:**

Since the last Full Council meeting Kier have had to review the programme for the Small Sites after their main subcontractor Climate Energy Homes Limited (CEH) went into administration on the 9th December 2015.

This caused a temporary suspension of further construction. However I am pleased to say that works have commenced back on site and that Kier remain committed to meeting their contractual obligations to the Council in delivering the 94 new homes at the earliest opportunity.

Since December Kier have secured and insured the sites, taken measures to mitigate against potential health and safety risks and the risk of damage caused by the weather, concluded legal matters with the administrator and appointed Airey Miller Construction Management (AMCM) to operate under delegated powers to help deliver the scheme.

AMCM were instructed to undertake a considered assessment of the position at all seven sites and to produce a programme to complete all the works as quickly as possible. Council officers continue to work with the developer to seek to accelerate matters if and where possible.

The pre-construction audit is still ongoing on some sites however construction work has re commenced on site at both St George's Road and Parsonage Lane. Kier remain committed to fulfilling its obligation to Enfield Council and are continuing to work with AMCM to agree and publish a comprehensive programme for all seven sites.

#### **Question 44 from Councillor Neville to Councillor Taylor, Leader of the Council**

Following the presentation at Audit Committee by the Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Services on the London Borough of Enfield Wholly Owned Subsidiaries, can he indicate to the Council, how many more such companies will be formed and what steps he proposes to take to ensure proper accountability of those companies by arranging for representation from the opposition on their boards.

#### **Reply from Councillor Taylor:**

Enfield Council currently has three companies:

- Housing Gateway Limited
- Enfield Innovations Limited
- The Lee Valley Heat Network, trading as "Energetik"

A fourth company – focusing on housing - is being formed as a result of the Cabinet decision in November 2015. A further company may be formed in order to further develop and trade the Council's IT offer, and this was agreed in the Cabinet paper of 10 February. Further companies may be set up, as the need and opportunity arises. Council will be kept fully abreast of progress with Cabinet invited to agree to their formation.

All of these companies, and any set up in future under this Administration, will follow the best possible governance principles. Each company has and will have a board of directors and a company secretary, accountable under law for the proper running of those organisations. Each company uses non-executive directors to provide external stimulus and challenge to the board, so that, again, the companies are informed by the best possible advice and guidance in making their decisions. All companies will be governed under their Articles of Associations and Memorandum of Associations. As they grow, more staff, with the appropriate expertise, are recruited and, in the case of LVHN, this company already has a managing director recruited from the private sector. Where decisions are particularly complex, external advice is

sought as appropriate. In addition to the effective running of these companies, they produce annual reports for Council.

**Question 45 from Councillor McGowan to Councillor Taylor, Leader of the Council**

Can the Leader give an update on the timescale for Crossrail 2 and what opportunities it has for Enfield?

**Reply from Councillor Taylor**

The Crossrail 2 website has the following information on timescales:

“Crossrail 2 cannot be built before we have formal consent from the Government, the funds to pay for it and the necessary land has been acquired. The process of applying for consent will involve a public examination of the scheme and consideration of objections before any decision can be made.

We expect to seek permission to build the new line in late 2017 and the process would last about two years. If we get the go ahead, construction is expected to start around 2020, with the new line opening from 2030.”

**Section 2 – Questions to Associate Cabinet Members**

**Question 46 from Councillor Chamberlain to Councillor Savva, Associate Cabinet Member for South East Enfield**

Could the Associate Cabinet Member please tell the Council what meetings he has attended and with whom since last Council meeting?

**Reply from Councillor Savva:**

Thank you to Councillor Chamberlain for his question to me as he is still in doubt of my work and contribution to the local authority and I would like to put his mind at rest as I, along with other ACMs, have worked our socks off together with Cabinet Members and officers to put right what his Tory Government and the Tories messed up during their administration in Enfield with their unworkable policies making the rich richer and poor poorer with their short sighted and unworkable policies and lack of understanding of people's needs. As they say the Tories have been, and still are, penny wise and pound foolish. Not to mention Google or Amazon, the list is endless.

I have visited Bury Lodge Park and Firs Farm wetlands and met people there. I have met on site at Hermitage Lane N9 with Daniel Anderson, the Cabinet member for Environment, and members of the public. I have attended the Cycle Enfield update sessions and I am glad Mayor Johnson gave us the go ahead to introduce Cycle Routes in Enfield.

I have met Junior doctors and members of the public on the Picket Line at North Middlesex Hospital who are fighting to Save the NHS and joined the Demo against the housing bill being introduced by an uncaring and out of touch government.

I have attended Corporate Asset Management at the Civic Centre with Cabinet Members, the Chief Executive, directors and officers and Firs Farm Governing Body on the appointment of a new Headteacher.

I attended strategic Leadership meeting, Cabinet meeting, Corporate Management Board - no less than 3 licensing hearings during the day.

I have visited the Minchenden Site.

CAPE for Haselbury meeting - another Governing Body.

I have also attended the Advice Surgery for Haselbury ward, have visited residents and answered numerous phone calls from residents phoning up asking me to deal with various issues.

**Question 47 from Councillor Neville to Councillor Bambos Charalambous, Associate Cabinet Member for West Enfield**

Could the Associate Cabinet Member please tell the Council what meetings he has attended and with whom since last Council meeting?

**Reply from Councillor Bambos Charalambous:**

Since the last Council meeting on 24 February 2016 I have attended the following meetings in my capacity as ACM.

8 March 2016 - Southgate Green Community Forum  
10 March 2016 - Opening of Firs Farm wetlands

In that same period, I have also attended various informal meetings with the Director and Assistant Directors of Environmental Services along with other officers on a number of different matters.

I am also scheduled to attend Cabinet on 15 March 2016 and Broomfield House Partnership Board on 22 March 2016.

**Question 48 from Councillor Laban to Councillor Pite, Associate Cabinet Member for Enfield North**

Could the Associate Cabinet Member please tell the Council what meetings she has attended and with whom since last Council meeting?

**Reply from Councillor Pite**

For future reference my diary is kept up to date electronically in the Labour Group Office and available for scrutiny.

**Week beginning 22 February 2016**

#### Planning Committee

Lock Ward Forum – with residents and ward councillors

Meeting regarding the Albany Community Hub with residents and officers.

Supported Internships Meeting with officers, headteachers and local employers

Developing Enfield's Health and Social Care Market - position statement with officers, community groups and carers.

Learner's Forum CONEL (College of Haringey, Enfield and North London) meeting with students and teaching staff from CONEL

Associate Cabinet Member Meeting and Strategic working with Friends of Parks, officers and other ACMS

Cycle Enfield Meeting officers and Councillor Anderson

#### **Week beginning 29 February 2016**

Turkey Street Ward Forum with residents and ward councillors

Dragon's Den Community Enterprise at Enfield County School with pupils, staff and Envision

Public Transport Consultative Group

Cycle Enfield Meeting Officers and Councillor Anderson

#### **Week beginning 7 March 2016**

Exchanging Places briefing with Transport Police

Corporate Asset Management Strategic Meeting with officers and Cabinet

Ponders End Partnership Meeting – with officers, ward councillors, residents and local community representatives.

Ecobuild Exhibition Excel Centre - Networking.

Cycle Enfield meeting with officers, Councillor Anderson and Jacobs.

#### **Week beginning 14 March 2016**

Minchenden School & Southgate Library Site Visit regarding the secondary autism provision with officers and Cabinet members

Greater London Authority Meeting Cycle Enfield with Andrew Gilligan, Transport for London, Jacobs, Officers and Councillor Anderson,

Strategic Leadership Forum

Full Cabinet Meeting

Council Management Board /Cabinet Strategic Development Meeting

Cycle Enfield with officers and Councillor Anderson

Date to be confirmed - Meeting about sharing good practice in strategic development with officers and members from Hounslow and GVA

#### **Week beginning 21 March 2016**

Meeting with the Director of Regeneration & Environment & Cabinet Member for Environment regarding congestion and air quality in North Enfield

Cycle Enfield meeting with officers, Councillor Anderson and Jacobs.