

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 8 JUNE 2016**

**COUNCILLORS**

**PRESENT** Bernadette Lappage (Mayor), Christine Hamilton (Deputy Mayor), Abdul Abdullahi, Daniel Anderson, Ali Bakir, Dinah Barry, Chris Bond, Yasemin Brett, Alev Cazimoglu, Nesil Cazimoglu, Erin Celebi, Lee Chamberlain, Katherine Chibah, Bambos Charalambous, Jason Charalambous, Lee David-Sanders, Dogan Delman, Nick Dines, Guney Dogan, Sarah Doyle, Christiana During, Patricia Ekechi, Nesimi Erbil, Turgut Esendagli, Peter Fallart, Krystle Fonyonga, Achilleas Georgiou, Alessandro Georgiou, Ahmet Hasan, Elaine Hayward, Robert Hayward, Ertan Hurer, Suna Hurman, Jansev Jemal, Doris Jjagge, Eric Jukes, Nneka Keazor, Adeline Kepez, Joanne Laban, Michael Lavender, Derek Levy, Mary Maguire, Donald McGowan, Andy Milne, Terence Neville OBE JP, Ayfer Orhan, Anne-Marie Pearce, Daniel Pearce, Vicki Pite, Michael Rye OBE, George Savva MBE, Toby Simon, Alan Sitkin, Edward Smith, Andrew Stafford, Jim Steven, Claire Stewart, Doug Taylor and Glynis Vince

**ABSENT** Dino Lemonides, Ahmet Oykener, Haydar Ulus and Ozzie Uzoanya

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**ELECTION IF REQUIRED OF THE CHAIR/DEPUTY CHAIR OF THE MEETING**

None required.

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

The Mayor announced that she had appointed Father Witon as her Chaplain for the year, however as the Mayor of Enfield, she wanted to reach out ecumenically and as a result of the this, she had asked Lucy Cox Dodgson from Winchmore Hill Quakers to speak to the meeting on the subject of peace beginning with us. Lucy is a pupil at Winchmore School.

Lucy Cox Dodgson from Winchmore Hill Quakers gave the blessing.

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**MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ORDINARY COUNCIL BUSINESS**

The Mayor began by thanking all the councillors, the Deputy Mayor, officers and the people of Enfield for making her first few weeks as the Mayor of Enfield such a rich and rewarding experience.

## **1. Engagements Since Inauguration**

Since the Mayor's inauguration she announced that she had taken part in 14 engagements and also launched her charity 'Enfield Sounds Great'. The launch had been a spectacular event, showcasing some of the most outstanding young musical talent in Enfield, and a great networking occasion for all those who had attended.

## **2. Forthcoming Engagements**

In the week coming up, along with other engagements, the Mayor announced that she would be attending a production of Carmen by the Southgate Opera, hosting a visit to the Mayor's Parlour from pupils at Carterhatch School, attending Chicken Shed's Theatre's Graduation Production, a performance by the Baptist Chamber Orchestra, the 'battle of the bands' event, and the Edmonton Glee competition final at the Piccadilly Theatre in London. She concluded "who knew there was so much music going on in one week in Enfield".

## **3. Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

The Mayor announced that she was also looking forward to the weekend of celebrations for the Queen's 90th birthday. Numerous events would be taking place across the borough, culminating on Sunday 12 June 2016 with a picnic in Town Park where she would be judging a best dressed teddy bear competition.

The Mayor asked councillors to have a good meeting, one which befitted Enfield People.

## **4. Death of Former Councillor**

The Mayor also announced that the former Edmonton councillor, Ron Daultry, had sadly passed away on the 21st May 2016, aged 87. Ron had been a councillor for Craig Park Ward between 1964 and 1968, and served during the creation of 'The London Borough of Enfield'.

A minutes silence was held in his memory.

## **5. Comfort Break**

The Mayor announced that she planned to keep with the introduction of a comfort break and would be announcing this at a suitable time in the proceedings at around 8.30pm.

## **6. Congratulations to Councillors Stewart and Pite**

The Mayor congratulated the Councillors Pite and Stewart who had recently completed a through the night charity bike ride: cycling from Windsor race course to Buckingham Palace and back again, raising more than £3,000.

**7. Enfield Night Hike**

The Mayor had started the Enfield night hike, which this year was held on Friday 20th May 2016, and congratulated all those who took part.

**8. Retirement of John Austin (Assistant Director Governance Projects)**

The Mayor said that she was sad to announce that John Austin would be leaving the Council at the end of June, and that that night's meeting was to be his last Council meeting.

She asked both the Leader of the Council and of the Opposition to say a few words.

Councillor Doug Taylor praised John Austin for his 36 years public service, as an officer at Enfield for the more than 20 years and for the diligence and humour with which he had performed his role. He said that he was held in high esteem by his peers and also on the national stage, for his role as Chair in the Association of Democratic Services Officers.

Many members had taken guidance from him on the processes and functions of council meetings. He had been the "go to" person for issues of propriety and rules of governance. His was a cornerstone function. On behalf of members on both sides he wished him well in his retirement.

Councillor Terry Neville said that it had been a pleasure to know John for the last 20 or more years and he echoed Councillor Taylor's words. John's hallmarks included his sense of humour, his attention to detail, his high degree of professionalism and his lack of bias. Every member would recall his induction sessions held after the local elections. He would be much missed.

John was a very good officer someone to go to with any queries. Councillor Neville concluded by wishing him the best, as well as a long, healthy and happy retirement.

John Austin responded by thanking Councillors Taylor and Neville, the Mayor and all the other members, for the respect and support they had shown him, in what was at times, a difficult role. He said that they may not have always agreed with him, but had, mostly, taken his advice in good spirit. He invited all to join him on the 30<sup>th</sup> of June at 4pm for a leaving drink.

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 MAY 2016**

**AGREED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 May 2016 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

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**APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Michael Lavender, George Savva and Ozzie Uzoanya.

Apologies for lateness were received from Councillors Abdul Abdulahi and Daniel Pearce.

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**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

The Monitoring Officer reported that the Councillor Conduct Committee had agreed a dispensation for Councillor Bernadette Lappage as the Mayor for all the Council meetings during her year of office 2016/17. This was regarding a disclosable pecuniary interest relating to her husband's position at the North London Waste Authority.

The Monitoring Officer also reminded members that the Council was in the purdah period in the run up to the European Union Referendum and that all members should refrain from making any statements at the meeting supporting either the remain or the leave side.

Councillor Achilleas Georgiou declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in Item 8 relating to the Appointment of the Meridian Water Developers as he had a relative who worked for the company appointed. He left the meeting when this item was discussed.

Councillor Nick Dines also declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in item 8 and left the meeting during the discussion on this item when he realised that he had an interest.

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**CHANGE IN THE ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Following the item on the declaration of interests, Councillor Stewart moved and Councillor Bambos Charalambous seconded a proposal under paragraph 2.2(b) of the Council Procedure Rules to change the order of items on the agenda so that the following items were dealt with as the next item of business:

- Item 13.8 Motion in the name of Councillor Doug Taylor regarding the election of the new Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan.

The change in order of the agenda was agreed without a vote.

Please note the minutes reflect the order in which the items were dealt with at the meeting.

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MOTIONS**

Councillor Taylor moved and Councillor Maguire seconded the following motion:

“Enfield Council congratulates Sadiq Kahn on his election as Mayor of London and we look forward to a close and productive relationship on the key areas of service delivery where our roles connect.”

Following a long debate the motion was put to the vote and agreed with the following result:

For: 35  
Against: 0  
Abstentions: 20

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CHANGE IN THE ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Following the item on the motion above, Councillor Alessandro Georgiou moved and Councillor Joanne Laban seconded a proposal under paragraph 2.2(b) of the Council Procedure Rules to change the order of items on the agenda for the following item to be dealt with as the next item of business:

Item 9: Reference from Member and Democratic Services Group: Structure of Council meetings and amendments to Council procedure rules.

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

For: 20  
Against: 35  
Abstentions: 0

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ADOPTION OF THE NORTH EAST ENFIELD AREA ACTION PLAN**

Councillor Sitkin moved and Councillor Pite seconded a report (Report No: 20).from the Director of Regeneration and Environment on the formal adoption of the North East Enfield Area Action Plan

NOTED

1. That the North East Enfield Area Action Plan was part of the Local Plan and adopted core strategy. The plan would set the strategic priorities to ensure that future development would have a regenerating effect.
2. It had taken a long time to complete the action plan: work had begun in 2007, stalled in 2009, been held up as a result of neighbouring

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authority concerns in 2013, only agreed by Council for Consultation in 2014 and had only recently been approved by the Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.

3. The final inspection report had been very positive with only a few modifications proposed.
4. Concrete, positive work had already been done in the area including projects such as the Electric Quarter in Ponders End, development of housing projects as well as research around the Northern Gateway Access Road and the Northern Gateway Access Package. Crossrail 2, if approved could change the hinterland. The proposals for changes at the level crossing would also have an effect.
5. Constructive engagement had taken place with the public and key partners.
6. The plan would be reformulated to take account of transport decisions, to ameliorate any adverse effects and would be subject to further modifications.
7. The congratulations of the Conservative Group for completing the plan, but also the following concerns:
  - a. The concern, that was also highlighted in the plan about low educational achievement, benefit dependency, competition for low skilled jobs and the need for better secondary educational provision in the area.
  - b. Concern that proposals were too dependent on the very long term prospect of the Crossrail 2 project.
  - c. Concern that the Council was not attracting enough income through the community infrastructure levy and that more needed to be done to improve the area.
  - d. Concern that more needed to be done to prevent heavy traffic coming through the residential areas adjoining the M25 and the A211.
  - e. Concern about what was seen as the failure to make the case for the Northern Gateway Access Road.
  - f. The view that the area needed to attract more economically active residents, to increase numbers of owner occupiers and the suggestion that the Council should consider changing the 40% threshold for affordable housing to 20%.
  - g. The need for better flood mitigation proposals in the Lea Valley.
  - h. Concern about the lack of serious focus on the conservation areas.

- i. The willingness of the Planning Committee to ignore that plan when agreeing a recent planning committee application for a supermarket in the area.
8. The summing up of Councillor Sitkin that the Northern Gateway Access Package did not preclude the Northern Gateway Access Road and that the administration were as concerned as anyone that it should be progressed.

During the debate the meeting was suspended at 8:35pm for a ten minute comfort break.

The report was put to the vote and agreed with the following result:

For: 35  
Against: 0  
Abstentions: 19

#### **AGREED**

1. To note receipt of the Planning Inspector's final report and main modifications (Annex 1) that concludes that the North East Area Action Plan is sound and legally compliant subject to the main modifications being incorporated into the final plan.
2. To approve the formal adoption of the North East Enfield Area Action Plan (Annex 2) to form part of Enfield's Local Plan.

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#### **APPOINTMENT OF MERIDIAN WATER DEVELOPERS**

Councillor Sitkin moved and Councillor Oykenner seconded the report (Report No: 20) of the Director of Regeneration and Environment presenting the outcome of the Meridian Water Master Developer Partner procurement process.

NOTED that

1. Cabinet at their meeting held on 18 May 2016 had approved the decision which Council was being asked to note.
2. The praise of Councillor Sitkin, Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Business Development and other members, for this multimillion initiative involving the creation of 10,000 new homes and over 6,700 permanent jobs in the area.
3. The thanks to officers who had helped bring about the deal including Rob Leak, James Rolfe, Ian Davis and Peter George.

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4. The pride in the significance of the achievement in concluding the deal, one of the biggest in the UK, which had received positive publicity in the BBC and on other news outlets, and the hope that all would celebrate it.
5. That the 10,000 new homes built would go a long way to address the housing crisis, 30% being affordable. Ten thousand construction jobs would also be created.
6. That this initiative should enable Edmonton to be no longer one of the top ten most deprived places in the country.
7. A full range of infrastructure facilities would also be provided including two new primary schools, a new secondary school, a health centre and the new station. The principle beneficiaries would be local people.
8. The happiness of the Opposition Group to note the deal, which had been initiated under their administration, but also concern:
  - a. That the decision had been taken, under the urgency rules, by Cabinet in part 2, and that there had not been a proper opportunity to debate, possibly the biggest decision the Council had ever taken, at full Council.
  - b. That many of the jobs created by Sergo, the commercial partner, would be low skilled and that this was a missed opportunity to create high skilled, high waged jobs for local people.
  - c. That the right choice of developer might not have been made.
  - d. That there had been delays in getting the work on site started and concern whether work would be completed within the timescales.
  - e. That more compulsory purchase orders should have been used and that if there was legal advice to the contrary this should have been publically available.
  - f. That the developer should be bearing more of the infrastructure costs and also making a larger contribution to the subsidy arrangements for 4 trains per hour.
  - g. That there should be regular reports back to Council over the next 20 years.
9. To recognise that thanks were due to Boris Johnson, the former Mayor of London, for his support of the scheme.
10. In response to the concerns raised in Item 8 above the majority view that it was necessary that certain commercial issues be considered in the part 2 section of a meeting and that the Council would receive a significant return on the investments. That this was a fantastic opportunity to create an economically viable, socially uplifting new community in a piece of land that was previously a wasteland. Land had been bought with a view to bringing about dramatic change. A



range of jobs requiring different skill levels and support to help upskill the local population would be provided.

11. The legal advice that the decision to award the contract was clearly an executive function.

**AGREED** to note the selection of Barratt Homes as the master developer for Meridian Water, in addition to their commercial partners Segro.

Councillor Achilleas Georgiou and Councillor Nick Dines declared disclosable pecuniary interests in this item. Councillor Achilleas Georgiou left the meeting at the start of the item and did not take part in the discussion or vote. Councillor Dines left the meeting when he became aware that he had an interest.

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#### **REFERENCE FROM MEMBER & DEMOCRATIC SERVICES GROUP: STRUCTURE OF COUNCIL MEETINGS AND AMENDMENTS TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES**

Councillor Simon moved and Councillor Taylor seconded the report (Report No: 17) from the Director of Finance, Resources and Customer Services detailing the outcome of a review into the structure and operation of Council meetings and proposing a range of amendments to the Council procedure rules.

#### NOTED

1. That the proposed amendments to the Council Procedure Rules had been referred on to Council for consideration, by the Member and Democratic Services Group, at their meeting on 21 April 2016.
2. That the aim of the proposed changes was to speed up the proceedings and to enable members to get through more of the business on the council agenda. The changes included: timing agendas, limiting the number of questions, shortening the speeches, changing the procedure for amendments, providing an opportunity for a supplementary question on an urgent question, overall to sharpen up debate.
3. Limiting the number of questions would reduce costs and the amount of time spent by officers on providing the responses.
4. Whilst agreeing with the suggestions initially discussed including for dealing with questions, the Opposition Group did not agree with the current proposals and were concerned about what they saw as restrictions on the democratic process including the limits being put forward on the number of questions allowed, the ability to displace the position of opposition business and the restrictions on alternative recommendations.

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5. The Opposition view that the rights of back benchers to ask questions should not be curtailed and the ability to question the administration on behalf of the residents of Enfield should not be limited. Other neighbouring authorities such as Barnet had no restrictions.
6. The Opposition acknowledgement that something needed to be done to encourage more members of the public to attend meetings and to enable business to be transacted in the allocated time, but felt these changes were not the answer.
7. The majority party view that introducing these changes would allow more time to be spent discussing other reports on issues such as education and housing, matters of more importance to the Council.
8. Councillor Simon's summing up that there was a need for timed agendas as shown by the progress made on the evening. He assured the Opposition that there were no plans to change the 45 minutes allocated to opposition business, that amendments would be , but at the end of the debate, and that time limits on speeches would allow more speeches and more time for more speakers to have their say. In future, if the changes did not work they could be amended.

In accordance with the council procedure rule 17.5 the vote was recorded as follows:

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Councillor Abdul Abdullahi  
Councillor Daniel Anderson  
Councillor Ali Bakir  
Councillor Dinah Barry  
Councillor Chris Bond  
Councillor Yasemin Brett  
Councillor Alev Cazimoglu  
Councillor Nesil Cazimoglu  
Councillor Bambos Charalambous  
Councillor Katherine Chibah  
Councillor Guney Dogan  
Councillor Christiana During  
Councillor Sarah Doyle  
Councillor Pat Ekechi  
Councillor Nesimi Erbil  
Councillor Turgut Esendagli  
Councillor Krystle Fonyonga  
Councillor Achilleas Georgiou  
Councillor Alessandro Georgiou  
Councillor Christine Hamilton  
Councillor Suna Hurman  
Councillor Jansev Jamal

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Councillor Doris Jigge  
Councillor Nneka Keazor  
Councillor Adeline Kepez  
Councillor Dino Lemonides  
Councillor Derek Levy  
Councillor Mary Maguire  
Councillor Don McGowan  
Councillor Ayfer Orhan  
Councillor Ahmet Oykenen  
Councillor Vicki Pite  
Councillor Alan Sitkin  
Councillor Andrew Stafford  
Councillor Claire Stewart  
Councillor Doug Taylor

Against: 21

Councillor Erin Celebi  
Councillor Lee Chamberlain  
Councillor Jason Charalambous  
Councillor Lee David Sanders  
Councillor Dogan Delman  
Councillor Nick Dines  
Councillor Peter Fallart  
Councillor Alessandro Georgiou  
Councillor Elaine Hayward  
Councillor Robert Hayward  
Councillor Ertan Hurer  
Councillor Eric Jukes  
Councillor Joanne Laban  
Councillor Andy Milne  
Councillor Terry Neville  
Councillor Anne Marie Pearce  
Councillor Daniel Pearce  
Councillor Michael Rye  
Councillor Edward Smith  
Councillor Jim Steven  
Councillor Glynis Vince

Abstentions: 0

**AGREED:** to formally approve, for inclusion as part of the Constitution, the changes proposed to the Council Procedure Rules (CPRs), as set out in Appendix 1 of the report to apply from the next (July 2016) Council meeting onwards.

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**EXTENSION OF COUNCIL MEETING**

At this stage of the meeting Councillor Stewart moved and Councillor Bambos Charalambous seconded the following procedural motion:

In order to provide sufficient time for consideration of Item 14 (Child Sexual Exploitation and Associated Risks to Children and Young People's Task Group Annual Report) before the scheduled end of the agenda, that the time available for the meeting be extended by an additional period of 20 minutes (under Council Procedure Rule 11m).

The extension in the time of the meeting was agreed without a vote.

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**COUNCILLOR CONDUCT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2015/16**

Councillor Stewart moved and Councillor Laban seconded the annual report of the London Borough of Enfield's Councillor Conduct Committee for 2016/17 setting out the key issues dealt with by the committee during the past year.

NOTED

1. The report had been approved and recommended on to Council by the Councillor Conduct Committee at a meeting held on 24 May 2016.
2. The thanks of the Chair to Asmat Hussain, Assistant Director Legal and Governance, Penelope Williams, Senior Committee Administrator, the other members of the committee and the two independent persons.

**AGREED** to note the contents of the Councillor Conduct Committee Annual Report 2015/2016 which had been approved and recommended on to Council by the Councillor Conduct Committee at a meeting held on 24th May 2016.

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**CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION TASK GROUP ANNUAL REPORT 2015/16**

Councillor Jansev Jemal moved and Councillor Elaine Hayward seconded the annual report of the Child Sexual Exploitation and Associated Risks to Children and Young People Task Group.

NOTED

1. That the task group had been set up a year ago to review the processes and procedures in place for dealing with young people in vulnerable situations.
2. A lot of ground had been covered. Some members of the group had attended multi agency meetings.

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3. Concern was expressed that training sessions held for members on this subject had been poorly attended.
4. The work of the group had thrown up more questions than answers and further research would be carried out, including on gangs and run away children.
5. Thanks were given to the other members of the group for their commitment and passion and tribute paid to the officers involved particularly Anne Stoker (Head of Safeguarding, Quality and Principal Social Worker) and Tony Theodoulou (Interim Director of Children's Services).
6. Third sector organisations were also praised for the tremendous work that they undertook.
7. Praise from the Opposition Lead for the commitment of officers involved and a plea that all members should make themselves aware of the issues and attend the training provided.
8. The support of the Leader for the work of the task group, that he had been shocked by some of the examples that had come to his attention. The Council had an excellent department, but complacency had to be guarded against. It was important that members played an active role, that there should be a transparent approach and that exploitation should not occur in this borough. He welcomed the cross party wish to work to prevent it and hoped all members would support the proposals.
9. Making the case for the under reporting of issues affecting 16 and 17 year olds and for better mental health support was also important.
10. Councillor Jemal concluded by saying that she was pleased that the Council was working together positively and constructively to address the issues.

## AGREED

1. To note the recommendation that Council asks all its members to increase their awareness of the matter of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and attend safeguarding training sessions (including CSE) that are being put into place specifically for members and that all elected members should undertake Child Protection training within the next 12 months.
2. To support the CSE task group's acknowledgement of the need to improve offender profiling on a local and Pan London basis establishing consistency of approach across police services. To recommend that Borough Police and MPS continue to work with Enfield partners to complete the persons of concern local profile that has recently been developed.
3. To recommend that analysis of the local picture in Enfield with regard to CSE, gangs and peer-on-peer abuse is undertaken.
4. To recommend that a qualitative piece of research is carried out during 2016/17 deepening our understanding and detailing the characteristics of those children that run away.

5. To recommend a specific Enfield CSE public awareness campaign to be promoted from September 2016.
6. To recommend an integrated preventative approach across departments to focus upon hotspots and places of concern where CSE can occur.
7. To recommend that the CSE task group continues its functions, reporting back to full Council in 2017.

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**DURATION OF COUNCIL MEETING**

The Mayor advised, at this stage of the meeting, that the time available to complete the agenda had now elapsed so Council Procedure Rule 8 would apply.

NOTED that in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 8 (page 4-8 – Part 4), the remaining items of business on the Council agenda were considered without debate.

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**COUNCILLOR QUESTION TIME (TIME ALLOWED 30 MINUTES)**

1.1 Urgent Questions

There were no urgent questions.

1.2 Questions by Councillors

NOTED the fifty three questions and their written responses provided by the relevant Cabinet members.

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**MOTIONS**

The following motions listed on the agenda lapsed due to lack of time:

13.1 In the name of Councillor Ahmet Oykenar

“Homelessness is an issue that all councillors and MP’s should fight to eradicate. Helping those less fortunate is a pillar of civic service that is of the utmost importance. The Council recognises that:

Homelessness comes in many forms from rough sleeping and street homelessness through to sofa surfing and those languishing in temporary accommodation.

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Homelessness is predominantly a London problem, yet the government funding to support Councils in tackling this serious issue is based on a Communities and Local Government funding model that is 15 years old. Enfield has the fifth worst homelessness problem nationally yet only received £550K from central government while other boroughs receive sums up to £8m per annum.

The Council therefore agrees to:

1. Publish on its website and through other means the details of all homeless shelters and charities that can assist those that are homeless, in particular those that offer services during the winter months.
2. Lobby the Minister of State for Housing and Planning to fund London Borough of Enfield fairly so to prevent homelessness”.

13.2 In the name of Councillor Joanne Laban:

The Council notes the poor response to enquiries that many residents are experiencing when trying to contact the Council, in particular:

- Typical waiting times to the Council Call Centre taking between 10 and 20 minutes with many missed calls as a consequence.
- Failures in the Council’s website preventing residents readily accessing the service required.
- Lack of response to emails sent to specific Council officers.
- Failures to respond to members enquiries within 10 days.

These failings are unacceptable, and the Council resolves to refer them to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to receive a report addressing: waiting times, staffing issues and missed calls at the Call Centre; statistics on usage of the Council website and incomplete transactions: a breakdown by directorate of how emails are dealt with and the timeliness of responses; statistics for members’ enquiries based upon the timing of the initial enquiry and promising a response within 10 days), instructing the committee to consider all available evidence, and make recommendations to Council about how these failings in customer services can be rectified.

13.3 In the name of Councillor Joanne Laban:

“The Council notes the need for a last minute report to the Cabinet on 18 May 2016 seeking authority and substantial finance to purchase land at Meridian Water which the current owner had threatened to sell to a third party, and condemns the dilatory and potentially costly approach to assembling for this “flagship development” shown by the administration over the past six years.”

13.4 In the name of Councillor Alessandro Georgiou:

“This Council recognises that the Union Flag of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is a symbol of Freedom and represents all that is great about the United Kingdom.

The Council will therefore have the Union Flag of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland present in all full Council meetings. The flag will have a prominent place either hanging behind the Mayor of Enfield’s chair or on a flagpole to the right of the Mayor.”

13.5 In the name of Councillor Ayfer Orhan

“It is a grave concern of this Council that the Government has established Regional Schools Commissions to be responsible for making critical decisions and to take action in underperformance schools and yet they have no staff and no funding.

For example, the Regional Schools Commissioner for North-West London and South-Central is responsible for making decisions for 27 Local Authorities. Traditionally each Local Authority was responsible for school improvements. But this Council is gravely concerned that the current proposed RSC' would be woefully lacking in the essential staff, localised expertise and funding to effectively support schools at a time they might need it the most.

We are fearful that the implications of this are that schools will be allowed to fail and so be exposed to a take-over by a large Academy chain.

This Council believes that this is a cross party concern and asks the Lead members of both party to write to the Government to change its mind on its proposal to centralise School Improvements by 2017 and to continue to fund Local Authorities, who are best placed, to continue to carry out this important and critical role.”

13.6 In the name of Councillor Doug Taylor:

“The Land Registry allows wide access to its data at cost reflective prices enabling access for local residents and businesses. This public service is being privatised by the Government and this will, in the long term, cost the public purse.

Enfield Council agrees to write to the Secretary of State to oppose the intention to privatise the service.”

13.7 In the name of Councillor Alan Sitkin

“Since 2010, Enfield's local economy has gone from a position of under-performing and below the London borough average, to one of out-performing other London boroughs. This is the result of the Administration's proactive, pro-enterprise interventions in the construction of an entrepreneurial state in



Enfield. This Council resolves to continue with its successful policies and role to grow Enfield's economy further.”

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### **USE OF COUNCIL'S URGENCY PROVISION**

NOTED the details provided of a decision taken under the Council's urgency procedures. The decision has been made in accordance with the urgency procedures set out in Paragraph 17.3 of Chapter 4.2 (Scrutiny) and Paragraph 16 of Chapter 4.6 (Access to Information) of the Council's Constitution.

- Confirmation of the extension of the Ernst and Young Contract for the supply of services to support the delivery and transformation of a council wide procurement and commissioning hub.

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### **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS**

**AGREED** the following changes to committee memberships:

- Green Belt Forum: Councillor Lee David Sanders to replace Councillor Jim Steven and Councillor Claire Stewart to replace Councillor Ozzie Uzoanya.
- Trent Park Working Group: Councillor Anne Marie Pearce to replace Councillor Joanne Laban.
- Child Sexual Exploitation & Risk to Children and Young People Task Group: Councillor Yasmin Brett to replace Councillor Bernadette Lappage.
- Corporate Parenting Board: Councillor Bernadette Lappage to be added onto the membership list to fill the vacancy.
- Conservation Advisory Group: Councillor During to replace Councillor Uzoanya.

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### **NOMINATIONS FOR OUTSIDE BODIES**

**AGREED** *the following change to the nominations for outside bodies:*

- ***Enfield Racial Equality Council (EREC): Councillor Uzoanya to replace Councillor Jagge.***

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### **CALLED IN DECISIONS**

None.

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**DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

NOTED that the next meeting of the Council had been scheduled for 7.00pm on Wednesday 13 July 2016 at the Civic Centre.